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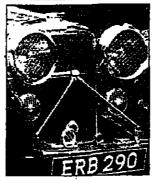


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City hails 'ingenious' defence

Lamont guards sterling with £7.25bn shield

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Treasury yesterday built a massive reinforcement of the government's defences for the pound in an effort to avoid a damaging interest rate rise at

In a move that took the financial markets by surprise, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, announced plans to borrow about £7.25 billion in foreign currencies from a group of international banks to keep sterling squarely within the European exchangerate mechanism.

The foreign currency funds, the lion's share of which will be in German marks, will be used to buy pounds, backing up the Bank of England's normal inter-

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No recall of

parliament

A demand by John Smith

for the recall of Parliament

was swiftly rebuffed by the

Less than an hour after

Mr Smith made his formal

request to John Major for

MPs to be brought back to

Westminster for two days

to debate international

events and the economy.

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prime minister.

vention to prop up sterling. The total amount to be borrowed corresponds to roughly a third of Britain's existing official reserves and it will not have to be repaid for three

The plan, which was greeted as ingenious in both City and political circles, rallied the pound and stock markets. At the official London close, sterling was up almost a pfen-nig at DM2.7975, nearly two pfennigs above its ERM floor. Sterling later rose well above DM2.80, its highest level since the recent pressure on the pound began.

The stock market assumed that the move virtually ruled out any devalution within the ERM and strongly reduced the risk of an early interest rate rise. The FTSE-100 index of leading shares surged to 2,381.9, up 68.9, while gilts jumped half a point.

The move also represented a defensive wall in case the French vote against ratifica-tion of the Maastricht treaty on September 20 and throw the markets into turmoil. Mr Lamont said: "These arrangements demonstrate once again the government's dear determination and ability to maintain sterling's pos-ition in the ERM at the existing central rate, regardless of the outcome of the French referendum."

Ian Taylor, chairman of the Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Council, said: "This is a shrewd move with perfect timing ahead of tomorrow's meeting of European finance ministers. The clear message is that the government is putting its money where its mouth is in defence of sterling within the ERM. It will have a double impact because it is also a way of reducing upward pressure on UK interest rates."

However, MPs also sug-gested that the move indicates government concern that the pound is still under great pressure, which may increase before the French referendum.

ing competition during Last month, the Bank of birthday celebrations at an England used up \$1.28 bil-Oxford wine bar, an inlion of its gold and foreign currency war-chest of \$45 bil-lion to prevent the pound quest was told...... Page 3 from tumbling to the ERM floor. This allowed sterling a BBC's vision The BBC plans to restore respite and City fears that the its pre-eminence in drama government would be forced as the "National Theatre of to raise interest rates started the airwaves", a leaked to recede. However, currency copy of its blueprint for the dealers still feared that, if the 21st century says Page 2 French rejected Maastricht, there would be an effective Essex triumph

devaluation of the pound. The plan announced yes-terday foresees the Bank of England taking up about DM 10 billion, or half the total amount, this month from a group of British and

foreign banks, led by Barclays, Lloyds, Midland and National Westminster. Half of the DM10 billion will be drawn upon in the next few days, with the rest probably following the French vote. Next month, the bank will announce details for the remaining half of package. The pounds which the government will be able to buy will be used to help reduce the government's borrowing needs in the present fiscal year, which should relieve pressure on interest rates.

At a press conference yesterday to launch next week's London conference on "Europe and the world after 1992", Tristan Garel-Jones, the Foreign Office minister of state, said John Major would use his keynote address to underline Britain's commitment to Maastricht and his belief that the treaty was good for Britain and the EC. However, Tory Euro-sceptics yesterday stepped up pressure for Britain to pull out of the ERM and for it to reject

ratification of Maastricht.

John Butcher, a former minister and MP for Coventry, said that there was a owing belief in Europe that Maastricht would exacerbate tensions when what was needed was a Europe "at ease with itself. Such a Europe cannot be built if Maastricht interventionism and continued membership of the ERM impoverishes our peoples, causes greater than necessary unemployment and produces those economic and social tensions which usually succour extremism," he said.

Nicholas Winterton, the maverick Tory member for Macclesfield, called for an "urgent reappraisal" of economic policy. He said that the economy was "on the brink of collapse" and accused the government of "sit-ting back". Mr Winterton complained that Britain's industries were being sacrificed upon the altar of Euro-doema and urged rejection of the treaty and a readiness to leave

• In a speech at Korea University yesterday Lady Thatcher issued a warning against the creation of super-states. She said that one of the main lessons of modern times was that artificially created states, such as Yugoslavia, or empires held together by Communism, like the former Soviet Union, fall apart, sometimes violently. "An attempt to create a European super-state ... would fuel nationalism and risk con-

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by new friends yesterday at St Bartholomew's Church of England School in Haslemere, Surrey. "I like school. It's good." she said

Sarajevo aid airlift halted by crash

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN

THE United Nations last night suspended its airlift to Bosnia after an Italian aircraft crashed as it flew aid into the besieged city of

The plane, with four Italian crew members, was carrying blankets for refugees. It was spotted by an American helicopter, a UN official said. A spokesman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which is co-ordinating the relief operation, said the wreckage was seen 20 miles west of Sarajevo, near the town of Jesenik. There was no immediate word on whether those on board had survived. Four American military he-

licopters and seven armoured personnel carriers and two armoured ambulances had joined a search in a mountainous area firmly under Bosnian Croat control.

Earlier yesterday, a UN convoy carrying food and medicine from Sarajevo reached Gorazde for the first time since Serb forces lifted their siege of the devastated eastern Bosnian town.

Marrack Goulding, the UN's undersecretary-general in charge of peacekeeping. arrived in Sarajevo to oversee an agreement by which the Serbs have pledged to gather heavy weapons around Sarajevo into 11 places from where they will be monitored by the UN.

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'Humbling' bankruptcy for Maxwell

By Angela Mackay

KEVIN Maxwell, 33, youngest son of the late newspaper tycoon, Robert Maxwell, became Britain's biggest-ever bankrupt yesterday and said he hoped that the thousands year would "take real satisfaction" from his "very public humbling".

Mr Registrar Scott made a bankruptcy order against Mr Maxwell for £406.5 million after a petition filed by the liquidator of Bishopsgate Investment Management (BIM). The company was the manager of most of the Maxwell company pension funds,

and Robson Rhodes, the liquidator, is now trying to recover some £420 million missing from the funds.
Outside the High Court,

Mr Maxwell said: "I stand humility. Bankruptcy is a very public humbling. If there is a redeeming feature of the bankruptcy order, it is perhaps that the thousands of people who have suffered loss can take real satisfaction from seeing a former director and I suppose, above all, a Maxwell — suffer the consequences of their loss personally and in public.

"Perhaps those concerned believe this alone justifies the cost to creditors of these proceedings, given the very small extent of my estate and my

lows a summary judgment for £406.8 million obtained by the liquidator against Mr Maxwell in July for his alleged breach of duty as a director of Bishopsgate. Mr Maxwell said: "Bish-

opsgate's pursuit of my banknuptcy has been misconceived. Continued on page 14, col 6

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French falter under Maastricht deluge

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

WAITING for the great Mitterrand television show yes-terday, France was treated to another deluge of conflicting advice on Maastricht and a bout of indignation over the presumption of foreigners who dared tell citizens how to vote in the referendum.

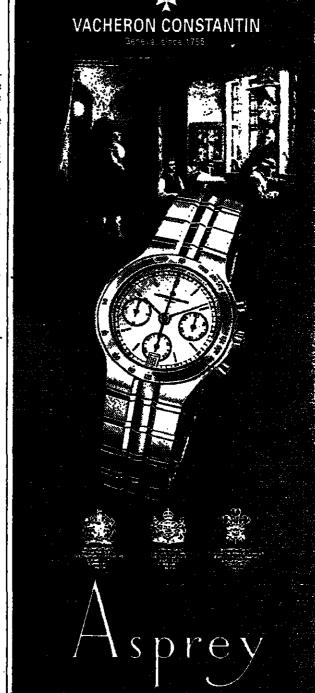
Two new surveys added to the sense of polling overkill that is wearying the electorate. One showed the "no" vote rising again to a narrow majority after six reports this week tracked a return to "yes". The Aviale company said 52 per cent were aiming to vote no, compared with 48 percent for yes. Another by the Sofres company showed the rating of President Mitterrand sinking further, with that of Pierre Beregovoy, the

prime minister. In another piece of electioneering, Michel Sapin, the finance minister, offered the prospect of lower mortgage rates and economic revival provided voters fell into line behind a "yes".

Uncertain voters of almost every persuasion could take their pick from a menu of contradictory advice. Busi-nessmen were told by Francois Perigot, the head of the CNPF bosses union, that Maastricht was the sine qua non for future prosperity. while several senior industrialists have been arguing the opposite. On Wednesday, the CNPF gave up the idea of endorsing either side.

The main squabble yester-day erupted around the bat-Continued on page 14, col 3

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Russia's angry writers struggle to be despised

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THERE was a full vodka bottle on the table. Mussorgsky on the turntable and someone had even managed to produce a shabby copy of a rediscovered existen-tialist novel for discussion and a small vat of red caviar for sustenance. But the mood was subdued and the earnest faces gathered at one of Moscow's monthly literary salons were long almost as long, in fact, as the list of complaints about the indifferent world outside.

We feel as if our sense of purpose has been pulled out from under our feet," said Aleksei, who works in a publishing house and writes verse in his spare time.
"We have become emigrants in our own
country," added Sasha, a jazz musician.
mournfully. "We are considered a harmless, self-obsessed sect these days." In short, Russia's bien pensants are

nowadays suffering the worst fate that can befall intellectuals anywhere - they are being ignored by the rest of the population. They are feeling the chill all the more keenly for having been brought up in a society in which poets such as Yevgeni Yevtushenko could fill football stadiums after the Khrushchev thaw and where, even in the liberal Gorbachev days, intellectual discourse excited robust controversy.

Magazines such as Literaturnaya Gazeta, which enjoyed a vast readership in the second half of the eighties as a mouthpiece for glasnost, have found that their impact and subscriptions have shrunk in the past year. Educated Russians now prefer to argue about economic reform and the political rough and tumble around President Yeltsin than meditate on Alexander Solzheni-

tsyn's bleak vision of humanity. When the grand old man of literary dissidence appeared in a two-part tele-

vision interview this week, calling on society not to forget atonement for the communist years and railing at the new pragmatism in his homeland, the response was less than enthusiastic. Six months ago, the sole talking point of salon gatherings such as this was whether or not Solzhenitsyn could be prevailed upon to return and what effect this would have. Nowadays even the intellectuals are aware that the focus of

concern has changed. Solzhenitsyn could easily find himself without a role if he returned," said Viktor Erofeyev, one of new Russia's leading writers. "My son came in from school after the first day of term and told me that Cancer Ward is now on the syllabus. Of course, it is important that our children should become acquainted with dissident literature, but as soon as they have to read it at school it will lose some of its appeal and the authors will

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Solzhenitsyn: his books are on school syllabus



Leaked papers set out BBC plans for radio and TV 'innovation'

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC plans to restore its pre-eminence in drama as the "National Theatre of the airwaves", re-establish itself as the "principal innovator and pioneer in comedy and light entertainment", and schedule wide-ranging news and cur-rent affairs programmes throughout peak time, a leaked copy of its long-awaited ment risked marginalising the corporation out of existence. blueprint for survival in the twenty-first century has dis-

The document, meant not to be published until after the government's green paper next month, also contains plans to banish "non-stop Top 40" pop hits from Radio 1, and to make Radios 3 and 4 "more accessible" to a wider range of listeners.

Approved in its draft form by BBC governors and senior management, the policy paper rejects more radical proposa from within the corporation's ranks for scrapping whole programme strands. Leaked to the trade paper Broadcast. the policy document will be revamped before publication to include a response to the government's green paper, which will be published by David Mellor, the heritage secretary, next month. Legisla-

tion is due in 1994. The conclusion of the corporation's 18-month review of its role, aims and values in the newly-competitive television marketplace, the document's surprise unveiling comes just days after Michael Grade, the Channel 4 chief executive. attacked the BBC hierarchy for obsessive secrecy about future policy and said that governors and senior manage-

Although the document says that the BBC will "withdraw from areas in which it is no longer able or needed to make an original contribution", it appears to refute Mr Grade's claim that the BBC will turn its back on popular programmes.

"To go down this route would be to preclude the majority of licence payers from viewing and listening to programmes and services which they value and appreciate. It would be to force publiclyfunded broadcasting in Brit-ain into the kind of cultural ghetto' approach which has so weakened the broadcasting system in the United States. Australia and elsewhere," the document says. Instead, the BBC of the next

century should offer a wide range of "distinctive, highquality programmes in each of the major genres." The docu-ment said: "That range should emcompass programming that appeals to a broad viewing and listening audience, as well as programming which meets the specific needs and audiences."

BBC1 must deliver distinctive programmes to a large audience, ensuring that highquality news and current afaccessible arts programming and major documentaries about British life,

history and culture, are broadcast during peak time. It should also develop "large-scale" programmes to mark national events. Religious, educational and children's programming will also occupy a significant place in the schedule.

BBC2 will "challenge and surprise and set out to change the general public perception of what television can do". It must ensure that innovative and "risk-taking" pro-grammes are scheduled in peak time, while also "stimu-lating the development of British culture and entertainment" by commissioning new writers, composers, performers and programme-makers. In this way, it will serve as "the seedbed for new talent, ideas

and programmes, which will

later find a larger audience on BBC1", the document says.

debts and he was declared bankrupt five years later.
If Mr Maxwell wants consolation, he need only look at Mr Stern's comeback. His return to property development fol-lowed the decision by the High Court to discharge him from bankruptcy in 1983, with a two and a half year suspension. His family had put up a contribution of £500,000 to pay off creditors.
Under the terms of the court order, he was discharged from bankruptcy having paid only a fraction of his personal debt.

Maxwell

follows

infamous

footsteps

Richard Ford

charts the history of some of

Britain's most

spectacular

bankrupts

KEVIN Maxwell, the youn-

gest son of the disgraced newspaper tycoon Robert

Maxwell, yesterday entered

the history books as Britain's

Until the end of the two-

hour private hearing at the High Court in London, the

title had been held by Rajendra Sethia, who was

declared bankrupt with personal debts of £140 million in

1985. At the time Mr Sethia

won a place in the Guinness Book of Records.

was the head of the London-

based Esal Commodities

group, which crashed in 1984

owing at least £200 million. In

March 1985, Mr Sethia, 40,

was arrested in Delhi but in spite of being wanted for questioning by Scotland Yard, never returned to Britain.

In 1979, William Stern

became Britain's biggest

bankrupt, with debts of £118

million. His property business

fell in 1974 with £143 million

The Indian businessman

Others have not been as fortunate. John Bloom, whose washing machine company folded owing £2.5 million in 1964, has experimented with restaurants in Los Angeles, media road shows across America and hair tonic. He moved from California to Majorca in 1979 - one step ahead of the English liquidators who served bankruptcy papers on him for £172,000 in collapse of his company.

Asked five years ago whether he was rich, Mr Bloom replied: "Ask my wife, she's the one with the money."

Maxwell humbled, page !



Maxwell: biggest bankrupt with £406 million debts



Bloom: company folded in 1964 owing £2.5 million



Stern: made a comeback after debts of £118 million

Ford chief asks ministers for help as slump continues

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

FORD has put its main British plants on a monthly pro-duction review to decide whether thousands of staff should continue on short-time working. The company said that it could see no revival in new car sales for up to a year. Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, has told ministers that selective support for motor manufacturers and the construction industry is now vital to Britain's recovery from recession. Ford already has its two main manufactur-ing plants at Dagenham, Essex, and Halewood, Merseyside, working short-time until the end of this month. Unless there is a dramatic upturn in sales, there seems little prospect that they will return to The scale of the recession in

the industry, which employs 800.000 people directly in car manufacturing, will be out-lined today when the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders produces figures to show that sales for August, which usually account for 25 per cent of annual output, are expected to be about 370,000. only 2,000 up on last year and well below industry hopes for 400,000 or more. The society believes that total sales for this year will be about 1.55 million, worse than the 1.59 million of 1991 and the lowest

for ten years. Mr McAllister appealed for further investment in the construction industry, including road-building and other infrastructure, which would pro-vide a spin-off for vehicle builders and increase employment. He also said that the removal of the 5 per cent special car tax was now vital. Ford would be forced to "cut its cloth" according to the

demands of the market, he said. He warned that the biggest export markets for British-made Fords - Belgium, France, Italy and Germany — were also starting to turn down. The motor industry needs

help," he said. "It is not a question of helping manufacturers but there are 800,000 people directly employed in the motor industry and many more who depend on it for their livelihoods."

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Last year's jobless cost £2bn

By TIM JONES

WITH the unemployment figure forecast by some independent analysts as likely to exceed 3 million, the cost to the government of the 391,000 who have lost their obs in the past year may have been more than £2 billion.

That figure does not include the £2.3 billion a year spent on training programmes, although some of it will be included in the £11.8 billion spent on income support, claimed by 4.8 million people. The increasing cost of sustaining an unemployed workforce now standing at 2.7 million is being used by the Opposition parties to criticise John Major

and his cabinet colleagues. Although precise figures are elusive, the assumption is made that the people who lost their jobs at the rate of more than 1.000 a day between July 1991 and July this year had average gross weekly earnings of £284. Assuming national insurance contributions of

New jobless Jul 91-92 Nat ins & tax foregone Amount spent on unemployment benefit Single people
 People with adult dependant Total cost 2809,073,200

COST OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Calculated using the April 1991 average wage of £284

£21.82 a week and income tax payments of £44.17, the loss to the exchequer is calculated at £1.3 billion. Weekly unemployment benefit of £43.10 for a single person and £69 for a person also claiming for a

dependent adult would cost almost another £1 billion. Although Gillian Shephard. the employment secretary, said the July figure of 2.7 million unemployed, a five year record, was encouraging because the rate of increase during the past quarter was the lowest for nearly two years, it is clear that August's figures could be worse. Recently 700 job losses were

announced at Jaguar, 1,400

shipbuilder, and last night Yarrow, the Clyde shipbuilders, announced that 500 jobs

Earlier this week, Nat-West's chief economist, David Kern, added to the government's worries by forecasting that unemployment in Britain would rise to a 3.1 million peak by December 1993 and still be 3 million by the middle of 1994. A stark picture of steeply rising youth unemployment was painted recently by the Unemployment Unit and Youthaid charities. They estimated that 888.700 young people — 16.5 per cent of the workforce between 16 and 24 - are at Swan Hunter, the Tyneside looking for work.

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Church schools urged to opt out

Church of England schools in Southwark, south London, are being advised by the diocesan director of education to seek grant-maintained status. Canon Gerald Greenwood is the first church education director openly to advocate such action. He wrote yesterday to the head teachers of 107 schools, including 11 secondary schools, comending grant-maintained status as "offering a positive way forward for many of our schools".

In a report, part of which is published in today's Church Times, he outlines the financial advantages of opting out and advises that the government increasingly sees grantmaintained status as the norm. The diocese covers 13 local education authorities with 25,500 pupils and 1,500 teachers in its church schools. Canon Greenwood says that some schools have been denied essential improvements because of the way that they are funded.

He says that the government's education white paper gives "clear reassurances" that the education secretary will protect the religious character of church schools that opt for grant-maintained status. "Religious education and worship would seem to be secure. The continuing role of the majority church foundation governors is emphasised.

More poll tax in

Councils in England collected almost a quarter of this year's community charge in the first three months of the financial year, according to figures issued yesterday by the environment department. John Redwood, the local government minister, said the figures, for the period from April to the end of June, represented an impressive improvement on earlier years and praised councils for their efforts. In the corresponding period last year authorities collected 12 per cent of budgeted income. The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities said the figures were misleading and there was no sign of any weakening in resistance to the poll tax.

Tanker's waste rejected

An Australian tanker carrying 18 tons of toxic chemical waste attempted to off-load its cargo yesterday at Felixstowe, Suffolk, despite the government saying in June that it was not to be shipped to Britain. The Maria Laura docked at 6.30am after trying to unload the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste, only part of its cargo, at Le Havre and Antwerp. The ship unloaded its non-toxic cargo and is expected to sail for Cape Town tomorrow. Two Greenpeace inflatables and divers had attempted to stop the ship docking. Michael Howard, the environment secretary, said:
"The government is opposed in principle to the continuing import of waste for disposal from developed countries."

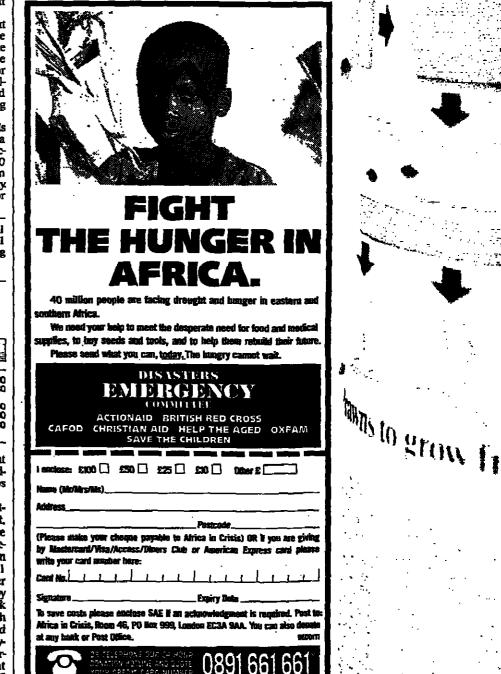
Beer festival 'imported'

Vanessa Darling, a model, right, toasts the first Octoberfest UK, which will take place in Battersea Park, south London. Organisers obtained the "cultural rights" to the event from the committee of the Munich beer festival. The British festival will be held from October 29 to November 1 in the largest big top in Europe, with 50 German waitresses and nearly 300 tonnes of German beer.



Nine in ten hens lame

Only one broiler chicken in ten is capable of walking properly, a study has shown, which could mean 130 million lame birds in Britain. These have weaknesses in their legs which affect their gait. In more than a quarter, the abnormalities are so serious that they probably cause pain. The lameness is the result of breeding a variety of broiler chicken which puts on weight so quickly that the bird's bones cannot keep up. The problem has been known, but the new study, carried out by scientists at Bristol University and Ross Breeders, of Newbridge, Midlothian, and published in The Veterinary Record. underlines how common it is. Even free-range birds are not exempt.



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Teenager fell to her death after 17 glasses of tequila

By LIN JENKINS

A TEENAGE great niece of Lord Hanson fell to her death from a bedroom window after a tequila-drinking competition during birthday celebrations at an Oxford wine bar, an inquest was told yesterday.

Georgina Meinertzhagen, 16, who was studying A-levels at Greens Tutorial College, an Oxford crammer, drank 17 shots of the Mexican spirit during a promotion at the Peir 19 bar. She returned to her lodgings in St John Street drunk and during the night feil 26 feet to the ground, smashing her head on a discarded wash basin, after leaning out of the second-floor window for air.

Her father, Daniel Meinertzhagen, a Lloyd's name and former gambling companion of the missing peer Lord Lucan, speaking after the inquest, called for the licensing laws to be rigorously enforced.
"It is part of the 1964 licencing act that you are not allowed to serve drinks to people already intoxicated. and these young people, what-ever their age, were more than

intoxicated, they were roaring drunk," he said. Mr Meinertzhagen, of Chelsea, London, said he would write to the licensing magistrates about her death, but would not take civil action. "My daughter and her friends did not have a drink problem but when they partied, they partied. Although they are 16 and 17 they think they are

writing to local licensing justices. Recording a verdict of accidental death, he said: "I do find it extraordinary that alcohol in such quantities should be served to young people, whether they were apparently over the age of 18 or not. I have no control over any action the justices may take but I do think it should be drawn to their attention."

grown up. Cheap promotions

like this, I'm afraid, only

encourage heavy drinking

among the young, which is to be regretted. I sincerely hope

that they take away their

Nicholas Gardiner, the Ox-

ford coroner, said he would be

Dr Freddy Patel, a Home Office pathologist, said Georgina had 214 milligrams of alcohol per 100ml of blood, nearly three times the legal driving limit. He said she died of a fractured skull and multiple injuries. "A teenager would have been more affected than an adult because if one is not used to taking alcohol regularly one is more affected by it," he said.

Friends told the inquest about the drinking contest during birthday celebrations at the wine bar in February. Jamie Grant said: "We started out buying shots of tequila, five at a time. The barman pointed out that we would be better off if we bought a whole new bottle. We bought one for about £15, the equivalent of 50p a shot, but went back to buying shots of five soon after. I drank 20 shots of tequila and Georgina had 17. We were keeping track of how many we

had each.' He said Georgina was very drunk when they left. "It was one of the happiest occasions on which I had seen her and

she was in a very good mood." Paul Farrow, 17, her boyfriend, said plans to go to a nightchib were abandoned because they were so drunk. Louise Bolton, 18, who

shared Georgina's flat and had not been to the party, said she helped the couple to bed. "They were completely in-comprehensible. They could not speak, they were just totally drunk." Georgina fell. asleep on the floor and she helped her on a double bed and put a cover over them. Two people in the tlat recalled hearing a loud crash at about 1.30am, but did not investigate. Georgina was found ten hours later by the cleaner.

Det Sup David Belcher said was concluded that Georgina fell while getting

glass sent to be



stepsister, Charlotte Ann, 15, treading grapes in preparation for the eighteenth annual English Wine and Regional Food Festival, in English Wine and Regional Floor Castron in Alfriston, East Sussex, this weekend. Five thousand people are expected to visit the English Wine Centre, which will also feature a property of the control of

jazz band and face-painting.
Organisers hope that the festival will give an opportunity for those interested in English wine to meet members of the English Vineyard. Association. Christopher Ann, one of the

ty for the members of the public and also those in the restaurant trade or the wine or supermarket industries to talk with the growers. What one wants to see is English wine being marketed along with other English

"We should be promoting our products by drinking to them with English wine, not French or German. Ninety per cent of English wine will now stand up against many world wines of a similar character."

Watchdog bans Sun 'Diana' phone line

BY ALAN HAMILTON

COVERAGE of recent royal scandals in The Sun faced counter-attack from two quarters yesterday, with the banning of a tape recording and the issuing of a writ for libel. A telephone industry watch-

dog has censured the newspaper for offering its readers a chance to hear a recording of an intimate conversation said to be between the Princess of Wales and her friend James Gilbey. After 11 days and over 100,000 callers, the service was withdrawn yesterday on the orders of the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Telephone Information Services. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC.

chairman of ICSTIS, said in a ruling that the newspaper had disregarded the code of practice for such services, which made clear that there should be no unreasonable invasion of privacy. There was no positive identification of the voices on the tape, but privacy had been invaded regardless of who was speaking. He added that no provider of such a service. mindful of its duty to comply with the code, could sensibly have thought that it was reasonable to breach the obvious confidentiality of the conversation.

Last night the newspaper announced a new number on which the tape could be heard at ordinary telephone rates, in an attempt to circumvent the ruling of ICSTIS. The Sun plans to challenge the ban in the High Court today.

Also yesterday, Major James Hewitt, another friend of the Princess, issued a writ for libel against News Group Newspapers, publishers of The Sun. The writ refers to claims in Tuesday's paper said to have been by Emma Stewardson, a former girl friend of Major Hewitt, about an alleged relationship between him and the princess. ☐ Senior Metropolitan police officers are moving a sergeant

from protection duties with the children of the Duchess of York following the publication of pictures of the duchess on holiday near St Tropez last month. Police sources stressed that Sergeant Graham Ellery, of the royalty and diplomatic protection department, was not being disciplined.

Tennis ball particles may cure tantrums

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SOME of the tennis balls flying around at the US Open this week are carrying up to five grammes of iron

particles.

The balls, the same weight and pressure as normal tournament balls, are part of an experiment that could end the need for the Cyclops line call system used at present. It could also end tantrums of the kind famously exhibited by John McEnroe, prompted by disputes over service, side-line or hase-line calls.

The experiment is evaluating a new system called Tennis Electronic Lines (TEL). If successful, it could soon be installed at tournaments world-wide, including Wimbeldon, Unlike Cyclops. which uses laser beams to detect whether the ball is in or out, TEL uses electromagnetic waves generated by antennas buried below the court. These interact with the metal powder in the tennis balls to detect where they have landed.

The system, said to be accurate to within five millimetres, is the brainchild formerly with the Defence Science and Technology Org-anisation of Australia, and Bruce Candy, a consultant. More than 20 line-call systems have been studied by the US Tennis Association but have all been rejected in

favour of TEL Cyclops can make mistakes because of uneveness on a court's surface and bad alignment. It can only be used for service line calls, and can make errors in doubles when a player, rather than the ball, breaks its beam. It is claimed that the design of the TEL system overcomes these drawbacks.

At the US Open TEL is being tested against the calls of the umpire and line judges on four courts. Strip antennas run beneath each court's 13 lines to a depth of 25 millimetres. A microprocessor analyses signals from the antennas, and a voice synthesiser broadcasts the

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Son 'confessed murders to uncle'

By Dominic Searle and Stewart Tendler

RODERICK Newall, the former army officer arrested while sailing his yacht for the murder of his wealthy parents in Jersey in 1987, confessed to the killings during a meeting with relatives this summer and then left Britain, a Gibraltar court was told yesterday. Describing Mr Newall as a

dangerous man, John Blackburn Gittings, the Gibraltar attorney-general, told a magistrates' court that if police and crew from a British frigate had not arrested Mr Newall in international waters, he might have gone to Brazil like Ronnie Biggs, the great train robber. The court was told that after his arrest Mr Newall said that he had thought of trying to grab a gun.

Details of the alleged confession and the arrest were disclosed yesterday by Mr Blackburn Gittings during ap-plications to free Mr Newall. who faces extradition proceedings. The court was told Mr Newall has been refusing food in protest at his treatment in a Gibraltar prison. Judge Felix Pizzarello reject-

ed an application by Chris Finch, acting for Mr Newall, that he should be freed on the grounds that his arrest had been unlawful. The judge also refused bail, saying that he would consider it only when he had heard more evidence.

Mr Blackburn Gittings said Mr Newall had left the army in 1988. In July this year he

> Waste collected and taken to recycling plant

called at the home of an aunt in Fulham, southwest London, then went to see his grandmother in North Berwick, Lothian. On July 14 he met his father's twin brother Steven and Gaye, his wife, at the Dunkeld House Hotel

near Perth.

The attorney-general said that during a three to four hour conversation with them, Mr Newall made statements amounting to an admission that he had killed Nicholas and Elizabeth Newall. Mr Blackburn Gittings said that the court would see statements from Steven and Gaye Newall. The attorney-general said that Mr Newall had been arrested by Brighton police for speeding. He was later followed by police, but they lost him. "Of course, he would look out if he had confessed and knew he was being followed," said the attorney-gen-

The Crown alleged that Mr
Newall had used his military
anti-surveillance techniques to
lose police and had left on his
boat on August 4. He sent a letter to a friend in London, through private post from Paris. It was franked in London on August 6. The alleged note read: "See you in Brazil, but only time will tell."

Mr Blackburn Gittings said this meant Mr Newall had intended to do what Mr Biggs had done - to be difficult to

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Polyethylene sheet

Waste plant centrefugal separators



Fake crash victim is doctor's dilemma

ORGANISERS of a disaster rehearsal for medical crews were criticised last night, after an unsuspecting doctor gave a painkilling injection to a man acting the role of a rail

Dr Robert Lambourn, of Choppington, Northumberland, saw what he thought was a major rail disaster near a countryside level crossing. Flames leapt from the wreckage of a rail tanker, and 70 dead or dying people from a tered about the scene. Fire engines, ambulances and police cars with flashing blue lights swamped the area, and a police helicopter hovered

The doctor, who was returning home after visiting a patient, climbed into one of the passenger coaches and administered a shot of pethedine into the backside of a young man with a shattered leg. The truth dawned on him only when the man stopped screaming and turned to ask "Do we really have to go that far?" before passing out. Hewas taken to hospital for observation.

Supt Howard Grey, of Northumbria ambulance service, said: "The man was a member of the Guild of Casualties, and as such is snecially coached to fake injuries. He was lying face down on the floor of one of the trains pretending to be semiconscious. He couldn't see what the doctor was doing until it was too late."

Dr Lambourn is a partner at the Seaton Hirst health centre, Ashington. His senior partner, Dr John Campbell, said: "It is an absolute disgrace that the authorities did not inform any of the community services, not the doctors or the nursing staff, about this exercise. We had no notification. That's why this confu-

sion happened."

been advised not to make any comment, but another colleague said the doctor had since received a letter from the person involved saying

Dr Lambourn said he had

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domestic waste. At present, it recycles only I per cent. A 20-year contract has been signed with Biomass Recycling to set up a complex to which Halton's 40.000 tonnes of domestic rubbish will be delivered. Tony Bar-

A LOCAL authority is to

recycle 98 per cent of its

domestic rubbish into energy for producing shellfish, fir

trees, fertiliser and electricity.

The borough of Halton, Cheshire, includes the towns

of Runcorn and Widnes, bet-

ter known for environmental-

rett, the council's development manager, said that organic waste would be processed beneath high-density plastic sheeting, above which a series of lakes would be created. Heat generated by through waste decomposition would warm the water and promote rapid growth of prawns, crayfish and other

Waste breaks down into

compost and used to support tree plantations

Prawns to grow from rubbish

BY RONALD FAUX...

ly unfriendly chemical waste tips. Halton aims to change that image by becoming the crustaceans. The composted material first local authority in Europe would then be used as fertilisto recycle so much of its er for new trees on the site. Methane gas produced as a waste by-product would be used to generate electricity.

Mr Barrett said: "All these different technologies are

in one complex. The cost of the scheme runs into millions of pounds, but is covered by the private sector, which will gain income from the sale of gas, electricity, fish and trees. The cost to the council will be nothing, and the project will generate 100 new jobs."

The council's objective would be to recycle 98 per cent of domestic waste by 1995, well ahead of government targets in the Environmental Protection Act.

The investment by Biomass was not disclosed. The main shareholder in the company is Energy Holdings, owned by the Matheson Trust Comtried and tested but have pany, a member of the never been brought together Jardine Matheson group.

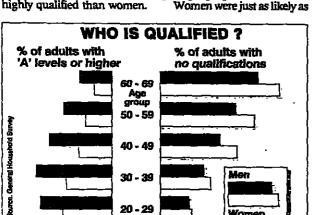
Household survey gives snapshot of Britain at work, at play, in sickness and in health

One in four adults has no qualifications

By PETER VICTOR

MORE than a third of Brit-Young people tend to be better ain's working population has qualified than their elders. no qualifications. Of those In 1990, men were twice as aged 16 to 69 and out of fulllikely as women to have a time education, 38 per cent degree or equivalent qualificaare completely unqualified, 22 tion (11 per cent compared per cent have O levels and only 8 per cent have a degree or with 5 per cent). Women were more likely to have reached only O level standard and The figures, released in the more likely than men to have

no qualifications (41 per cent compared with 34 per cent). The difference is less among latest General Household Survey from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys, show that men are more younger people. highly qualified than women.



men to have gone on to further education (26 per cent com-pared with 24 per cent), but were more likely to have studied at a college of further education. Men were more likely to have attended university or polytechnic.

Among survey respondents who were working and had a degree, men were twice as likely as women to be in professional occupations (39 per cent compared with 18 per cent). Only 2 per cent of men of working age with qualifications above A level were unemployed, compared with 10 per cent of unqualified

In 1990, 72 per cent of men, but only 41 per cent of women, earned more than £200 a week. Average gross weekly earnings were £260 for men aged 20-69 but only £178 for women.

The data was obtained by interviewing everyone aged 16 or over in a random and anonymous sample of about 10,000 households a year.

☐ General Household Survey 1990 (Stationery Office,

MAPLES



Family profile: 20 per cent of families with children were headed by one parent

a smoking exaggerated More wives and mothers are going to work MORE married women are going out to work and the ues to decline. In 1990, 25 per cent of households were of this type, compared with 31 per

number of working mothers is increasing, according to the latest General Household Survey from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. The percentage of married women in employment or actively seeking work in-creased from 50 per cent in 1971 to 71 per cent in 1990. bringing it to the same level as

for unmarried women. The number of working mothers fell steadily in the early 1980s to 51 per cent in 1983, but has risen steadily since, to 63 per cent in 1989 and 1990. Single mothers were less likely to be in work than married or cohabiting mothers. In 1990, 42 per cent of single mothers were working, compared with 63 per cent of married or cohabiting ones. Among those who worked, however, a greater proportion of single mothers worked full time.

In 1990, 20 per cent of families with dependent child-ren were headed by a single parent, mostly mothers. The proportion of single fathers heading families remained at between 1 and 2 per cent. The differences in income between single parent families and other families is marked. In 1990, 53 per cent of single parent families lived in households with a weekly income of £100 or less, compared with 4 per cent of cohabiting

Families headed by single mothers were the worst off. Some 70 per cent of them lived on £100 a week or less. Only 8 per cent of single parents had a weekly income of more than £350, in contrast to 55 per cent of married or cohabiting families.

The proportion of traditional households — a couple with dependent children — contin- detached houses.

cent in 1979. However, 41 per cent of all people lived in such households. A further 28 per cent of households consisted of a married or cohabiting couple with no children, and 8 per cent with older children who were not dependent. Twenty-six per cent of house-holds consisted of one person, accounting for 11 per cent of

Hazards of

individuals, reflecting a trend for people to live alone.

Increasing numbers people now own microwave ovens, video recorders and compact disc players. In 1990, 21 per cent of households had

a CD player, compared with 15 per cent in 1989. The proportion of households with microwave ovens increased from 47 per cent to 50 per cent, and 64 per cent of households had a video recorder, compared with 60 per cent in 1989.

The proportion of house-holds with central heating more than doubled from 37 per cent in 1972 to 80 per cent in 1990. Households with a car or van rose from 52 per cent to 67 per cent in that time. The proportion with more than one vehicle increased from 9 per cent in 1972 to 23 per cent in 1989 and 1990.

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The survey reports that 66 per cent of households owned their own homes in 1990, compared with 49 per cent in 1971. Then, 27 per cent owned their homes with a mortgage. During the 1980s. there was a steady increased in the proportion of mortgagees. but since 1988 this figure has remained at about 40 per cent.

Eighty per cent of house-holds lived in detached, semidetached or terraced houses in 1990. Twenty per cent lived in

Walking is favourite exercise

SIXTY-FIVE per cent of adults claimed to have taken part in some sport or physical activity in the month before the survey. More than 40 per cent of these listed that activity

as walking.

Previous surveys have also found walking to be the main activity, with no other pastime mentioned by more than 15 per cent of respondents.

Only swimming, cue sports (billiards, snooker, pool) and keep-fit/yoga attracted more than one in ten adults in a four-week period on average throughout the year. Excluding walking, the proportion of adults who took part in at least one sport was reduced to 48 per cent for the four weeks

before the survey. Cycling, keep-fit/yoga and ties that participants had done twice a week, or more often. Asked to look back over 12 months, however, 82 per cent said that they had taken part in at least one activity.

People who went ice-skating, for example, did so on average only twice in the four weeks before the interview. Fewer than 1 per cent had skared during this period but nearly 4 per cent had done so in the previous year.

Men are more likely to have participated in at least one sporting activity. Seventythree per cent of men had done so in the four weeks before interview, but only 57 per cent of women. The only sporting activity with a signifi-cantly higher participation by women was keep-fit/yoga.

Chronic illness up

A THIRD of people say that long-standing illness, com-they suffer from long-standing pared with 34 per cent across illnesses. The proportion rose from 21 per cent to 34 per cent from 1972 to 1990, the level slightly higher than that for

The numbers reporting chronic sickness increase with age. In 1990, 69 per cent of people aged 75 or over had a



the age ranges. There have, however, been increases in all age groups.

private medical sector, only 4 per cent of GP consultations were paid for. Men were more likely to consult non-NHS doctors than women. Of those consultations received by men, 5 per cent were paid for privately, compared with 2 per cent by women. The trend has been for an increasing number of GP consultations over the past two decades.

Those in paid employment are more likely to wear glasses than the unemployed: in 1990, 54 per cent and 42 per cent respectively. Some 63 per cent of men in the professions wore glasses, compared with 40 per cent in unskilled manual occupations. The proportion is highest among professional women, at 70 per

C4 offers record season of films

A budget squeeze has not curbed the scope of Channel 4's anniversary schedule, reports Melinda Wittstock

CHANNEL 4 is to celebrate its tenth anniversary this autumn with its biggest Film On Four premiere season and an ambitious drama called The Big Battalions, which explores conflicts of religious faith through the eyes of three families, Christian, Jewish and Muslim.

vision premieres, including Mike Leigh's Life is Sweet and Ken Loach's Riff-Roff. Arthur Miller's The Golden Years, unperformed for 50 years, receives its world

TV premiere, while Cyrano

Sixteen films receive tele-

de Bergerac is to be broadcast in a season of films starring Gérard Depardieu. David Aukin, Channel 4's head of drama, said that 14 more films were in production for future seasons including Louis Malle's Damage and new films from Peter Greenaway and Mike Leigh. Six Film on Four films were destined for cinema releases in the com-

ing year, including Kenneth Branagh's Peter's Friends. Channel 4, whose programme budget remains static at £184 million for the third year, has been forced to cut its drama budget from £30 million to £28 million. The only casualty. though, is the 4-Play series

of plays.

Liz Forgan, director of programmes, said: "Like everyone else in the real world we've had to think carefully about our priorities. There's no doubt we've got a tight squeeze, but we hope to keep our range of drama and to sustain the same rate of production."

Overbeads have been cut by 5 per cent to free money for programming, but Chan-nel 4's 1993 budget was "conservative" because the channel did not know how much advertising revenue to expect next year when it must compete with ITV for the first time by selling its own advertising airtime. "We don't want to have to axe programming halfway through the year." Ms Forgan said.

Viewers wili also enjoy a close up of the royal family's homes in a series on the royal art collection introduced by the Prince of Wales, which starts next month. The Royal Collection has been filmed in Balmorai, Sandringham, Bockingham Palace, Windsor Castle, St James's Palace and Hampton Court.

Charities plead for Africa aid

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

AID agencies yesterday urged the public to give money to help up to 40 million people in Africa who risk starvation as a result of civil war and drought.
The seven agencies have joined together to launch the Africa in Crisis appeal, under the umbrella name Disasters Emergency Committee, which hopes to raise money through appeals in the press, on Radio 4 at lunchtime yesterday, and on BBC and independent television last night.

Dee O'Connell, the committee's co-ordinator, said that the appeal had no specific target. However much we raise, the agencies will be able to spend it." she said. The agencies involved are the British Red Cross, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, Christian Aid. Oxfam, Save the Children, Action Aid, and

Help the Aged.
The United Nations estimates that 21 million are at risk in Eastern Africa, with 1.5 million in Somalia in imminent danger of death. Harvests have been devastated in every country in southern Africa and 19 million people will need food aid this year. Donations to the DEC appeal can be made at any high street bank or post office, by post to PO box 999. London EC3A 94A. or by telephoning 0891 661 661.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Air ace's

VC to be

auctioned

The Victoria Cross awarded

posthumously by George V to the highest scoring and most decorated pilot of the first world war is to be sold at auction, to the dismay of the

Mannock.downed at least 73

enemy planes during a daz-

zling career of "Hun-strafing"

over northern France. He was

killed when his plane was struck by ground fire in July

1918. Sotheby's, handling the sale

on October 19, expects the VC.

which is being sold by Major Mannock's elderly niece, to set

a new auction record. A VC

awarded to W.B. Rhodes Moorhouse, another first

world flying ace, was sold in 1990 for £126,600.

the war museum, said: "I personally don't think it is very

attractive to place a value on

of equal worth. I think it is just very sad."

Dr Alan Borg, director of

Imperial War Museum. Major Edward "Mick"

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Hazards of passive **smoking** 'exaggerated'

FROM JEREMY LAURANCE IN BARCELONA

less risky than popularly supposed, new research suggests. Concern over the effects of breathing in tobacco furnes is prompting the sick to blame their symptoms on other peo-ple's cigarettes. But measure-ments of the nicotine level in their blood shows that they tend to exaggerate the amount of smoke to which they are exposed, and this may be distorting the results of re-

search studies. Evidence from a study of 2.200 middle-aged men and women in Scotland who had never smoked, presented yes-terday to the fourteenth congress of the European Society of Cardiology, in Barcelona, that the incidence of cough, phlegm, chest pain and heart disease, were all sharply increased among those who reported being exposed to "a lot" of other people's smoke. But the strength of the link was dramatically weakened

Barfly leap may lead to sticky end

BY ALISON ROBERTS.

A NEW sport which is gaining popularity in fairgrounds can seriously damage your health. doctors say. "Barfly jumping", which involves dressing in a Velcro suit, leaping from a mini-trampoline and attempting to stick oneself onto a Velcro wall, preferably upside down, is causing potentially fatal injuries.

In a letter in tomorrow's British Medical Journal, doctors at the Nuffield orthopaedic centre, Oxford, cite the case of a woman who broke her neck after falling from the wall on to her head. Dr Tim Chesser said that the woman, 42, could have been killed or paralysed for life. As it is, she is facing eight weeks of traction. ☐ A hormone produced by salmon is proving an effective treatment for women suffering from osteoporosis, a condition which brings about a reduction in bone mass.

A sample of 176 women to 72, were given varying doses of salcatonin. After two years doctors at the University of Copenhagen concluded that the hormone reduced the rate of fractures in elderly women by two thirds compared with calcium treatment alone, and increased spinal bone mass in proportion to the

> A Corby referendum has rejected a new

constituency name, reports David Young

NINETY-FIVE per cent of people voting in a referendum at Corby. Northamptonshire, have rejected their MP's proposal to change the name of the constituency. He has denounced the result as unfair

and possibly illegal. William Powell, the Conservative MP (majority 342)

since the Corby constituency was created in 1984. has suggested to the Boundary

Commission that the name

PASSIVE smoking may be when the amount of smoke the patients said they were exposed to was checked against the levels of nicotine in their blood. Professor Hugh Tunstall-Pedoe, of Dundee University, who co-ordinated the study, said: "People do not like other people's smoke, and if they have got anything wrong with them they exag-gerate their exposure to it. They complain about it but avoid it."

If the same discrepancy had affected other studies but re-mained undetected, the link between passive smoking and ill health may be less strong than was thought.

☐ Every person in the western world could cut the risk of a stroke by a third and the risk of a heart attack by a fifth if they reduced their blood pressure by between 5 and 10 per cent. doctors told a Barcelona press

The effect is greatest in the elderly, but many doctors assume that treating high blood pressure in the elderly is worthless. "They believe it is no good closing the stable door after the horse has belted. but it turns out that it has a very good effect," Professor Peter Sleight, of Oxford Univ-ersity, said.

Four recent trials have provided "overwhelm" vided "overwhelming evi-dence" of the value of treatment, he said. Because the elderly have more strokes and heart attacks than the young, the beneficial effects are more obvious.

Evidence shows that even people with so-called normal blood pressure for western society would benefit if it were reduced. But many of those with high blood pressure are being treated with unneces-

sary expensive drugs.

Most people, including the elderly, could reduce their blood pressure by taking more exercise, cutting down on salt and alcohol, and losing

weight.
"A brisk walk a day is about as good as a lot of these pills." Professor Sleight said. Where drug treatment is necessary. three recent trials have shown that diuretics, which reduce the fluid in the body by stimulating the kidneys to produce more urine, are more effective in reducing blood pressure than more expensive

The difference in price ranges up to one hundredfold, but nearly half of Britain's GPs prescribe newer, more expensive drugs compared with only a fifth five years ago. because of heavy advertising by the drugs companies.

MP rebuffed by

name-change poll

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Flight from extinction: merlins in Scotland are learning to nest in forests rather than on heather moors, but still need open hunting ground

Moorland merlins succumb to spell of forest

By KATE ALDERSON

THE interests of wildlife and those of the Forestry Commission and forestry industry are no longer incompatible, according to a report into the decline of the Scottish merlin published yesterday.

A six-year study of the merlin, which faced extinction in the eighties, says that sensible forestry management and well designed new forests can help preserve en-

dangered species. Merlins were previously thought only to breed in open moorland and dense heather, but research has shown that the birds are able to breed in crows' nests in forests. Jack Orchel, a London teacher and author of the

report, Forest Merlins in Scotland, said: "I was once regarded as an arch enemy of the Forestry Commission, but I am now talking about the important discovery that

planted forests have generated a vast nature reserve for all our species. It has been said that the merlin, the golden eagle and other birds have been threatened by forestry, but the issue really is how much open ground adjacent to the forests is conserved." Merlins each require more than 7.5 sq miles of open hunting land.

"This bird is adaptable," he said. 'What it has shown is that it can survive in the

land, which the bird needs to hunt, is preserved." The merlin population.

which was down to 400 recorded pairs in the United Kingdom, has begun to increase and is now estimated at 700 pairs. The report calls for the Forestry Commission to provide grants to the forestry industry to provide rangers to monitor the growth of forests and the breeding areas for birds.

Lord Barber, president of the Hawk and Owl Trust, which published the report, said: "There is still hostility from the public towards commercial forestry, but they haven't realised the lengths the industry has gone to to provide multi-use forestry designs. This report is putting another piece of information in the hands of those whose job it is to build and design safeguard our wildlife."

Four admit taking eggs

Four Englishmen were ordered yesterday to appear personally in front of a sheriff after they admitted taking golden eagle eggs from a nest in the west Highlands. Brian Foster, Christopher Pearson Keith Simpson, and Michael Smith-White, all 23 and from Hartlepool, admitted at Fort William Sheriff Court to disturbing the birds on March

They took the eggs from an eyrie in Glen Beasdale, near Arisaig. Foster also pleaded guilty to having the two eggs in his possession and having climbing ropes to assist in the offences. All the offences were in contravention of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act.

Dustman dies

A dustman was killed when he fell under the wheels of a moving dustcart as he tried to jump on it in Redbridge, Es-sex. Ronald James, 40, of Dagenham, was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

Donkey attack

A young holidaymaker suf-fered bites on his head, back, neck and shoulders after being attacked by a wild donkey at Berrynarbor, north Devon. Christopher Rogers, 8, from Bognor Regis, West Sussex, had his arm broken and was kept in hospital for five days.

Knife robbery

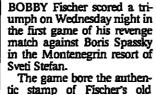
A 51-year-old man who suffered an epileptic fit in a car park in Reading. Berkshire, was robbed of £20 at knifepoint by two teenagers who he thought had come to help.

Body found

A decomposed body washed up on the beach at Dovercourt, Essex, has been identified as the remains of Mary Wettasinghe, a mother of two. She disappeared from her home in West Bergholt, near

Dazzling Fischer destroys Spassky in opening game

By RAYMOND KEENE



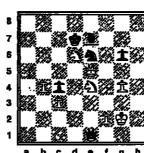
genius. Those who had believed that 20 years of hibernation would have blunted the edge of the former champion's. talent were confounded by a brilliant game in which Fischer alternated attacks on both sides of the board.

Spassky, who has sunk con-siderably in the world ranking list, put up a grand fight, sacrificing material at one stage to try to wrench back the playing with the white pieces. came after 49 moves and more than six hours of play.

The opening was the Spanish, or Ruy Lopez, variation that was Fischer's favourite two decades ago. By move 15, Spassky, following the Breyer defence, had established a fortification which would prove difficult to break down.



concentrated his forces on the extreme queen's flank, building up for a possible invasion. The crowning move was to transfer a knight from the king's side onto a seemingly insignificant square on the other side of the board. den force and, on the 29th move, he made a sacrifice of a



knight for two central pawns. After the 44th move Spassky's position was in ruins. His king was open and almost every one of his pawns was unable to be defended.

The Times will be carrying the moves, a commentary and a diagram of the final position after each day's game. The winner is the first to win ten games. The match will be switched to Belgrade as soon as one player has won five games. The playing days, four games a week, are Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

The moves of Wednesday's game are shown below.

within budget, he said.

tunnel freight firm By Michael Dynes, transport correspondent it to road haulage and specialist distributors to handle col-lection and delivery," he said.

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French join BR in

ways have formed a joint venture to encourage freight distribution companies to switch from road to rail when the Channel tunnel opens in 1993, Sir Bob Reid, the British Rail chairman, announced yesterday.

The venture, Allied Container Intermodal, was an essential element of plans by Railfreight Distribution, BR's freight arm, to carry some six million tonnes of traffic by 1995, Sir Bob said. It aims to remove 400,000 lorry journeys from Britain's congested

Addressing a conference on the future of Channel tunnel National Exhibition Centre, Sir Bob said that BR was investing £450 million in Channel tunnel freight services, including locomotives. wagons, terminals and track improvements. Despite initial scepticism, the investment programme was on time and

BR's freight strategy sought to revolutionise distribution by integrating the advantages of

expect our current European business to increase three-fold to over six million tonnes, which will be equivalent to 400,000 lorry loads a year off the roads."

BR is building a network of nine freight centres around Britain, to reduce journey times between the big manufacturing centres and their prime Continental markets. The combined road and rail terminals, served by up to 35 freight trains in each direction each day, will give BR its first competitive edge over the road network since the advent of

the motorway. Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's chief executive, criticised Britain's preparations for the advent of the single European market and urged the government to overhaul its investment priorities. to provide a modern transport

Experts were predicting that the game was equal and could rail and road. "We shall possibly end in a draw. concentrate on running half-Around the 22nd move, Fischer proved what an innova-tive genius he still is. He mile-long trains to Europe's ND OF SEASON CLEARA

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should be changed to reflect its wider area. A referendum by Corby District Council resulted in 10,212 votes to retain the name and only 687 in support of Mr Powell's proposal. More than 60 per cent of voters in the constituency live

> referendum turn-out was just over 30 per cent, higher than in recent council elections. The result will be submitted to the Boundary Commission, which is considering Mr Powell's suggestion and is likely to hold a public enquiry in

in the council area and the

November. Mr Powell, who lives in Cambridgeshire and did not have a vote in the referendum. argues that as the constituency covers 275 square miles and includes dozens of villages, a more appropriate name would be East Northamptonshire or Rockingham Forest, the name of the an-



cient royal hunting estate which once covered the area. Mr Powell argues that the referendum was unfair because it did not allow everyone in the constituency a vote and that it may have been illegal for a council to use its funds for such a ballot. The district council says that it has taken legal advice and in any case spent only a token sum on a shoe-string publicity

The council leader, Kelvin Glendenning, said: 'This referendum was not of our choice. We were forced into it themselves. They are a clear rebuff to anyone foolish or short-sighted enough to suggest dropping the good name of Corby. They are also an indication of our decision to go to the people on an issue we knew was vital. The people of Corby have rallied magnificently and shown their determination to stand up for their own town, their district. their constituency and their

ANC demand for an end to violence puts brake on talks

By Michael Hamlyn and Our Foreign Staff

THE African National Congress vesterday ruled out resuming talks with Pretoria until violence was curbed and all political prisoners freed.

The announcement, after a meeting of the ANC's national executive committee, means a continuation of South Africa's political stalemate, now in its third month. The ANC pulled out of multiparty talks on the country's constitutional future after the Boipatong township killings on June 17. Yesterday the ANC said:

"We simply cannot accept vague assurances that steps are to be taken to curb the violence. We have learnt the hard way that such assurances from the de Klerk regime mean very little." It accused the government of "delay and doublespeak" in responding to demands it issued in June, such as the freeing of detainees, the election of a multiracial transitional government. and "practical steps" to end township violence.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, this week has been leading a European Community delegation that held talks with black and white leaders in the hope of bringing them

morning, a fleet of diplomatic Mercedes and BMWs, and a couple of glossy mini-buses containing the visitors brought inhabitants of Johannesburg's Alexandra township on to street corners to stare in bemusement. Mr Hurd, accompanied by Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish toreign minister, and José Barroso, the Portuguese secretary of state for co-operation, were trying to get a feel of life in the black townships for them-

The cavalcade rolled down the hill past what is locally known as "Beirut", a no man's land, where the little breezeblock houses have been shattered and burnt in violent clashes. Rubbish fills the streets of this area that lies just below the infamous hostel for migrant workers. This is where armed Zulus have come from, taking revenge for the injuries they say they suffered at the hands of ANC

members. People have been driven out by fear and intimidation. In some areas other families have taken over their vacant shacks.



View finders: Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who heads an EC delegation to South Africa, hearing opinions at Alexandra township, near Johannesburg, on the resumption of talks between the ANC and Pretoria

wound its way past more secure housing. Here school children in gymslips, and women in print dresses went about the daily business of the township. Makeshift stalls, built from packing cases, offered shoe repairs or

At the top of the hill the scene changed again to soteeming squatter community in improving facilities, but it is where the main building material is flattened oil drums. violence." Standing outside Then down again and across the KwaMdala hostel, Mr the ditch towards where mid-Hurd was asked about his die-class blacks live in bungafeelings on visiting the township. "Hope and sadness." he lows that almost look suburban. replied. "Sadness because con-

ditions here are terrible and

people should not have to live

"Hope because so many

under these conditions

In the "Beirut" area, Mr Hurd said: "We are trying to help in practical ways. But

people are seeking to make things better, are seeking to provide facilities and to rebuild this Beirut area."

Greeting the ministers. Patience Pasha of the Women's Forum For Peace said: "It's a terrible state out here. We want to believe that your coming here is hope for us."

Another Yugoslavia?, page 10

Amnesty accuses Malawi of torture in crowded jails

FROM-JAN RAATH IN HARARE

JAILED Malawian dissident Chakufwa Chihana failed to appear in court yesterday to answer charges of attacking President Banda's autocratic rule, fuelling speculation that

Mr Chihana, 52, who suffers from high blood pressure, has been in jail since April 6 after his campaign for a national conference for demo-cratic reform. Since then he had enjoyed a weekend of freedom when the High Court ordered his release, but it was immediately revoked when he spoke out against the government of President Banda, the self-appointed president for

His absence from the trial hearing yesterday also led to speculation whether he would be fit to attend a High Court hearing today in Lilongwe, the Malawi capital, for a ruling on

his application for bail.

Diplomatic sources in Lilongwe said yesterday that Mr Chihana's lawyers had appealed to prison authorities to admit him to hospital for his ailment to be treated. He was also said to be suffering from an infected throat.

Observers believe Mr Chi-hana is likely to receive hospital treatment. A vigorous media campaign by his exiled organisation, the Interim Committee for a Democratic Alliance, has ensured that he receives favourable treatment vhile in custody.

Other political detainees however, have not been so fortunate. An Amnesty International report issued yesterday said that "hundreds" of people had been arrested since May, when Blantyre and Lilongwe erupted in violent demonstrations against the Malawi Congress party's rule since independence in 1964. Most of them are being held without due legal process.

"The government is facing unexpected opposition and it is reacting with repression." the 15-page report alleged. It said that torture, particularly the use of electric shocks, was commonplace, and that conditions in Malawi prisons were appalling. Amnesty International cited evidence of severe overcrowding: in one prison, 285 people were held in a cell

of 24 square yards. "They appear to be using overcrowding and degrading conditions as a deliberate weapon," Richard Carver of Amnesty, the London-based human rights organisation, said. In cases where working flush toilets existed in cells, prisoners were not permitted

to use them, he said. The report presents a markedly different view from recent widely publicised actions adopted by the Malawian government that include the release of dozens of long-term political detainees, granting the Red Cross permission to

visit prisons, and the passing by parliament of laws to soften the process of detention. Mr Carver said Amnesty welcomed these moves "as they really help the people affected", but added that "the government appears to be doing them for essentially cosmetic reasons"

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At the end of the month, delegations from Malawi are scheduled to arrive in Washington to plead with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to recognise that the government has made "irreversible" progress to-wards the restoration of hu-man rights, and that the \$73 million (£36.5 million) aid cut off in March because of the country's abuses should now

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dozens die in Tajik clashes

Dushanbe: Dozens of people were killed in renewed clashes between supporters and oppo-nents of President Nabiyev of Tajikistan yesterday, Tajik radio reported, amid mount-

ing calls for his resignation. · The clashes broke out after protests in the Kurgan-Tyube region and coincided with lingering tension arising from the cabinet announcement that Mr Nabiyev had been overthrown. (AFP)

Talks open

Moscow: Defence ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States have begun talks on collective security. news agencies reported. Georgia, which is not a member. attended as an observer. (AFP)

Italian suicide

Rome: The Milan corruption scandal prompted a third sui-cide when Sergio Moroni, 45, the Socialist MP, shot himself in the throat at his Brescia home. He was being investigated for receiving bribes.

Honecker stays

Berlin: A Berlin court has ruled that Erich Honecker. 80, the former East German leader who has liver cancer. must stay in prison pending his trial on manslaughter charges. (Reuter)

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Foetus stabbed

Masterton: A New Zealand man pleaded guilty here to seven murders after going on the rampage, including stabbing a pregnant sister-in-law to kill the foetus. (Reuter)

Somalia's vision of hell becomes reality

FROM SAM KILEY IN BAIDOA of bodies collected from the

A MONTH ago Baidoa, in southwest Somalia, was described by David Andrews, the Irish foreign minister, as a "vision of hell". Following behind the "Dead Lorry", which col-lects bodies from the grounds of aid kitchens every morning, it is difficult not to conclude that his vision has become reality.

At seven every day the

lorry is bump-started at the offices of the Somali Red Crescent and sets off on its rounds, delivering the bodies it collects to the city's four cemeteries. First it drives to a kitchen run by the International Committee of the Red Cross. There, outside the gates,

the grave-diggers, who are paid £1 a week to do what must be the most unpleasant job in the world, gather up the skeletal remains of seven adults. The corpses lie on top of a dump for the charred animal bones and boiled skins that the starving eat hopelessly to fend off death. Two babies, looking like piles of rags, are almost missed.

It was a grisly operation, and one that must be repeated three more times at other sites, the only variation being in the number of corpses.

Since the beginning of August and the arrival of seven C130 planes bringing 110 tons of food to the city, the death rate has got steadily worse. Aden Ahmed Isaaq, a Somali Red Crescent worker, said adding "At the start of the month the average number

are up to about 250 every morning. The number dying in the city at large must be in the region of 350."

That means that everyone in the town of about 75,000 would be dead in YEMEN GULF OF

kitchens and feeding cen-

tres was about 35. Now we



214 days, were it not that they are constantly replaced by hundreds of walking skeletons who often have trekked more than 100 miles after hearing that there is food here. But they, too, are doomed.

Aid agencies estimate that 4.5 million Somalis face death in their warravaged country. Already one in five children under five is thought to have died; 20 per cent of the population of seven million has fled the country, and perhaps hundreds of thousands have perished uncounted in the bush.

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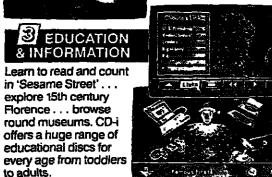
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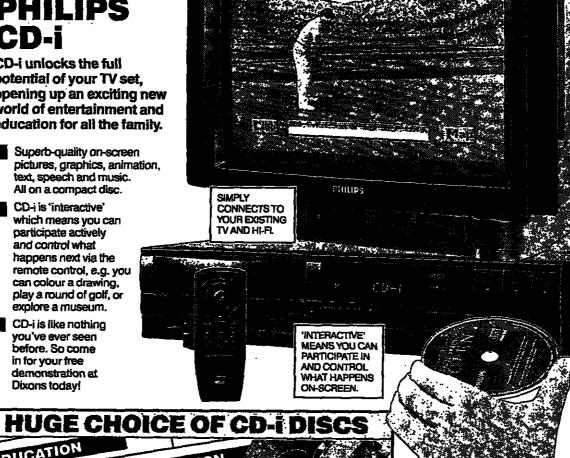
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Bonn urges French to vote Yes on Maastricht

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN AND PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

KLAUS Kinkel, the German foreign minister, yesterday almost begged French voters to give the European Community the chance it needed to develop by voting "yes" to the Maastricht treaty in their country's referendum.

Herr Kinkel's speech, together with last night's broadcast by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, on French television in support of the treaty, indicated the alarm among German politicians at the danger of a "no" result. "Germany and France were and are the motor of Europe-

PEOPLE

Suspicion falls on Collor wife

While President Collor faces possible impeachment pro-ceedings, Brazil's First Lady, Rosane, is under investigation for allegedly using £12,500 in state funds to throw a party for

The federal police launched the investigation after a federal court in Brasilia ordered her and her friend and aide Eunicia Guimares to replace the funds. Federal police have meanwhile asked a federal court to issue warrants for the arrest of two Collor aides, Paulo Cesar Farias and Claudio Vieira.

Sonia Gandhi, the intensely private widow of former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi. has written an intimate book about her assassinated husband. In Raity, she writes about her personal life for the first time since a magazine interview in 1985.

Ratu Sir Ganilau, 74, the ailing Fijian president, was being flown to Washington by US military aircraft yesterday for urgent medical treatment, a Fiji government official said.

Elena Yee, a Filipino-American who is described as a businesswoman and philanthropist, and a friend of Imelda Marcos, said that she had arranged for a chartered DC-10 to return the body of former President Marcos from Hawaii for burial in the Philippines this month.

an union," Herr Kinkel said. "The power of this motor can only work, however, if the speed of integration, which was set out in the Maastricht treaty, can be maintained. In view of the importance of this referendum I wish France, I wish Europe and I wish ourselves a positive result."

Indeed, President Mitterrand will be indebted to the Germans if he does win the referendum: eastern Germany's rampaging right-wingers and the Bundesbank's refusal yesterday to lower interest rates have reminded French voters of the fundamental reason for tying down a united Germany with the shackles of European union. Martin Bangemann, Germany's senior Brussels commissioner. this week complained that French politicians were warning voters that a "no" vote meant a united Germany would revert to its Nazi past.

Herr Kohl is so worried about a "no" result that he probably does not much care what arguments are used to convince the French to vote yes". He believes that if Maastricht is rejected, it will be at least 20 years before the European Community can agree a similar treaty. He realises that a majority of German voters today would reject Maastricht if the constitution provided for a referendum.

The threat of losing the mark, through monetary union, has galvanised the nation in defence of its beloved currency. Surveying attitudes. the Allenbach Institute commented: "The mark in Germany ... is one of the few national symbols with which Germans have no emotional difficulties. It is something of which they can allow them-selves to be proud." A telephone poll published by Bild showed that 90 per cent of those asked would vote against giving up the mark.

Italy, with a faltering economy and the lira under severe pressure, is perhaps the European country with the most to lose if the French vote no. Rome is determined to do all it can to help French supporters of the treaty by pushing its ratification of the treaty through parliament before September 20, the date of the referendum, if at all possible. Emilio Colombo, Italy's foreign minister, urged members of the Senate foreign affairs committee to send a positive signal to French voters by ratifying the treaty swiftly.

Kohl's plea, page 1

Whisky-loving Scots pour into Poland

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

You can sense some-thing is up when kilted bagpipers start to wail in the centre of Warsaw. Then, surrounded by baffled Polish shoppers and black marketeers, other kilted figures stage a Highland fling. When Johnnie Walker whisky sponsors an East European version of the Braemar Highland Games, complete with the strange sport of caber-tossing, it is fair to say that the Scots have arrived.



Apart from a few lingering soldiers and cross-border smugglers, the Russians have gone home. In their stead have come Americans (McDonald's Levis Pizza Hut), Germans and Italians. But it seems there is still space for the Scots in the post-communist reordering of the East.

The other day, Warsaw taxi drivers were heard discussing the name of the Loch Ness monster. Cabbies are tuned permanently to Radio Z the local version of LBC, which has been running a seemingly end-less quiz about Scottish affairs. Yesterday listeners were asked to name a 17thcentury Scottish poet.

The Scots have been around for a while in Eastern Europe. Polish historians have a fascination for the Stuarts, perhaps because of their distant relationship to the Polish throne. In the 19th century. Scottish engineers installed the civic infra-structure of Eastern Europe and Russia; William Lindley built the Warsaw sewers, Adam Clark built Budapest's Chain Bridge. Warsaw even had a Scottish mayor, Alexander Chalmers, at the start of the 18th century. To mark that occasion, members of the Hay clan this week presented the current mayor with a kilt.

The resurgence of Scottish interest in Eastern Europe has a sound commercial base. Poland has become Europe's leading counterfeiter of Johnnie Walker Red Label and United Distillers is launching a counter-attack. A standard 0.75 litre bottle of Johanie Walker Red Label sells for £6 in Czechoslovakia, £7 in Russia, £7.50 in Bulgaria. £11 in Hungary — and £25 in Poland. In Britain it

retails for between £8-£10. The Polish fraud squad has seized about 6,000 Red Label bottles from Warsaw and other Polish shops, and four illegal bottling plants have been shut down. But



A wife's tale: Helena Bonham-Carter, the British actress, filming Marina's Story with Frank Whaley in Moscow's Red Square. The film tells the story of the wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was shot dead while under arrest for killing President Kennedy

Owen warns Belgrade to honour London accord

THE Geneva conference on the former Yugoslavia began yesterday with a strong warning by its two chairmen that the world would not allow any departure from the agreements in London last week.

Lord Owen, the European peace negotiator, said princi-ples were established "which we are determined will be maintained, and commitments were undertaken which we are determined will be upheld". As he spoke, details emerged of the possible make-up of the troops which will be sent to Bosnia as an expanded UN force to protect the relief convoys. A resolution increasing the role of the UN protection force in Bosnia will be discussed by the UN Security Council next Tuesday.

No final decision has been made about who will provide the extra 6.000 troops to support the 1.600 already in Bosnia. However, the list of possible contributors supplied to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, currently in Moscow, consists of Britain, The Netherlands, Italy, Ireland, France, Canada, Belgium, Spain, Russia and Portugal. America has also offered military assistance, although not combat troops.

Michael Evans and Michael Binyon look at the prospects for the Geneva conference on Yugoslavia

The American contribution is expected to include logistical support and possibly air cover. Turkey yesterday offered to send 1,000 troops and Norway several hundred.

A decision on troop contri-butions could be made by the security council today. Britain has offered a battalion group of 1,800, expected to consist of the 1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment, supported by elements of the Royal Irish Regiment, 9/12 Lancers, 35 Engineers Regiment and a signals squadron. Even if the decision is taken today, it will take up to three weeks before the main body of the troops will set sail from Germany for Bosnia. However, a reconnaissance party could leave soon.
According to UN sources.

the extra troops for the relief convoys will be based at five zones: Bihac, Banja Luka, Tuzla, Vitez and Mostar,

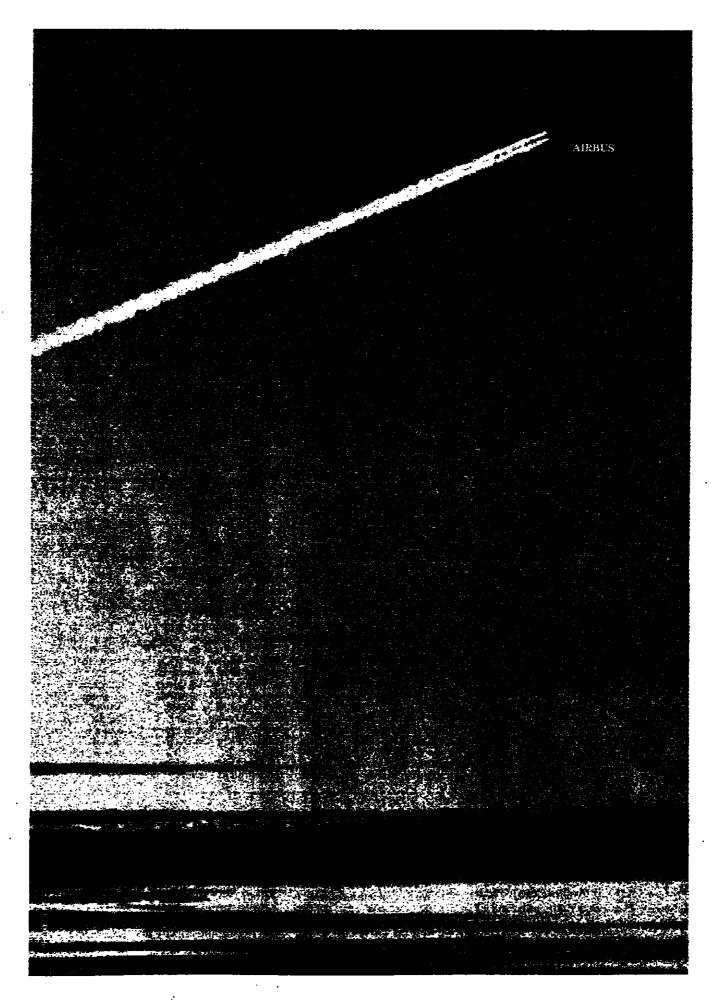
There will also be 11 food distribution centres. UN sources said the deployment of troops would be based on three principles: that protective support of the convoys would be an integral part of the UN presence in Bosnia: that all costs would be met by the troop contributors or other donors, and that the operation would be under standard UN

rules of engagement. In Geneva, Lord Owen gave a warning that the talks would be difficult and take time. He said there had been many hopes raised over the last year, many feelings of breakthroughs. But the peace negotiations would be a "very difficult, time-consuming and detailed process".

Cyrus Vance, the United Nations co-chairman, said the negotiators would meet in continuous session to find peace. "We are going to do our very best to deal with the issues both here in our meetings ... but also in the frequent trips that we will be having when we go to the former Yugoslavia." The new conference would be a "much more effective organisation".

UN plane missing, page 1 Letters, page 11

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ACHIEVEMENT HAS A NAME

Peking threatens to quit arms talks over F16 jets for Taiwan

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

PEKING has threatened to 1989. "The Chinese governwithdraw from arms control talks with the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council unless President Bush reverses his decision to sell 150 F16 fighter jets to Taiwan.

Peking's angry response raises the danger of China becoming an unchecked arms supplier to the Middle East. an unwelcome spectre not only for Mr Bush but for all five security council leaders.

Mr Bush's decision reversed a decade-old ban on such sales to Taiwan and elicited the strongest reaction by Peking since Washington imposed sanctions after the Chinese army suppressed pro-democracy demonstrators in June

AFTER two days of dispens-

ing federal largesse in key electoral states, President

Bush yesterday faced a back-

lash, with governments abroad and critics at home accusing him of recklessly

subverting American policy

that he was tripling the

amount of American wheat

eligible for export subsidies

provoked warnings from

Europe that his "belligerent

move" would not help break

the deadlock in the General

Agreement on Tariffs and

Trade talks. Britain, the Euro-

pean Community president.

told the administration it con-

Paul Keating, the Austra-lian prime minister, said he

deeply regretted that domestic

political pressures had overrid-

den America's commitment to

the pursuit of "a less corrupted

international trading environ-

At home Democrats and

independent experts pointed

out that Mr Bush had an-

nounced the rebuilding of the

Homestead, Florida, air force

base, flattened by Hurricane

Andrew, even though scores of

America were being shut

down and Homestead was

Last Friday the administra-

tion reversed policy and decid-

ed to upgrade the MI tank built in Michigan. The ad-

ministration has also abruptly

abandoned its opposition to

the development of the V22

itself a candidate for closure.

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ment for farm products".

sidered the move unhelpful.

for crude political ends. Mr Bush's announcement

ment solemnly demands that the US government revoke its erroneous decision to sell F16 fighters to Taiwan. Pending a reversal of this decision by the US side, China would find it difficult to stay in the meeting issues," Liu Huaqiu, the Chinese deputy foreign minister, told J. Stapleton Roy, the American ambassador to Peking. Mr Liu also said that the decision would lead to a "major retrogression" in bilateral relations and would have a "negative impact on Sino-US co-operation in the UN and other international

organisations".

Mr Bush announced on Wednesday that he will ap-

cluding the decision to sell-

150 F16 fighter jets to Tai-

wan, were "sound policy deci-

sions to help with the needs of

the American people". Invari-ably, however, their effect is to

safeguard threatened jobs or to create new ones in Florida,

Texas and the agricultural and industrial Midwest.

where Mr Bush must defeat

Bill Clinton, the Democratic

presidential candidate, this

Mr Clinton himself has

been hit by further allegations

that he dodged the Vietnam

draft. The Los Angeles Times

reported that Raymond Clin-

ton, his late uncle, who was a well-connected Arkansas car dealer, led a successful lobby-

ing effort to prevent his neph-ew being drafted during the ten-month period in 1968

after his graduation, when he

was most vulnerable. That

delay enabled the younger

Clinton to take up a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford.

ported that "the future gover-

nor of Arkansas was the only

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The Los Angeles Times re-

Bush denounced for

crude electioneering

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

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sure to save jobs in an election

In a dispatch from Washagency Xinhua pointed out

Mr Bush cannot be seen to back down, but he has boasted of drawing Peking into arms control agreements during the past two years, and will be embarrassed to see that achievement vanish. Moreover, China's co-operation in the UN has been vital to Mr Bush in the past two years. China agreed, for instance, not to veto the resolutions which led to the Gulf war. For its part, Peking has registered its fury. But Chinese officials may feel that they cannot go on an arms-selling spree, however much they would like to, for fear of Washington taking away the valuable trade privileges it enjoys with its most favoured nation status. ● Taipei: Taiwan's air force chief said yesterday that he was not satisfied with the F16 models approved for sale by

tion was put off for 10.5 months - more than twice as long as anyone else". Mr Clinton has always denied being helped to avoid the draft. Accosted anew by reporters, he insisted that he celebrating Armed Forces Day. From the air force point knew of no manoeuvring by his uncle, but Dan Quayle, the of view, we are not very satisfied with A and B modvice-president, who faced draft-dodging allegations of els," he said, but added that some aircraft of the two modhis own in 1988, said Mr

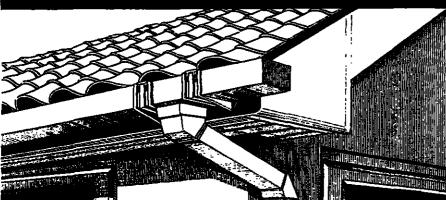
F16 fighter jets to Taiwan, a deal worth about \$6 billion (£3 billion) over the next few years. In 1982, President Reagan signed a communiqué with its arms sales to Taiwan, eventually halting them. Peking's Communist party re-gards itself as the rightful ruler of Taiwan. Mr Bush claimed that the

sale did not contravene the 1982 communiqué, and that it would "help maintain peace and stability" in Asia. Peking countered yesterday that "it will create tension in the now peaceful Taiwan straits". Mr Bush, who has defended Peking in the face of a congressional outcry on human rights since 1989, is believed to have made the decision under presyear. He announced the sale to a cheering crowd of aero-space workers at General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas, where about 3,000 jobs will be

saved by the contract. ington. China's official news that "public opinion here believes that the Bush administration's decision ... is made mainly out of Bush's need to draw votes in the presidential election". Both Mr Bush and Peking now find themselves trapped

President Bush. "Our procurement target is still F16 models C and D, which are more advanced, better equipped, and meet our demand." Air Force Commanding General Lin Wen-li told reporters at a rally

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the wreckage of a beachside hotel in Casares, Nicaragua, where tidal waves from an offshore earthquake left at least 95 dead and thousands homeless along a 200-mile stretch of coastline. The tidal wave struck the region on Tuesday and survivors complained of food and first aid shortages despite relief efforts by the

vernment. Army troops yesterday had reached most affected communities, although some were still cut off from rescue efforts. A Nicaraguan army spokesman said most of the dead were children between six months and 15 years old, whose bodies were swept to sea by 50ft said at least 100 aftershocks hit the

region. President Chamorro toured the area and issued an urgent appeal for international aid. Offers of relief came from the United States, El Salvador, Chile. Colombia and elsewhere. But despite the outpouring of help from volunteers, government and army rescue teams, some survivors were having difficulties getting food, shelter and medical attention.

Alicia Padilla, a resident of Casares where tidal waves washed 300 yards inland killing at least five people. said that seven shelters had been set up but that there was no food, blankets or medicines to distribute among the scores of homeless. Many children were coming down with respiratory diseases and diarrhoea. Seriora Padilla said. (AFP)

Betsey primed for war on Bush

EXACTLY two months befor the American presidential election, Betsey Wright is primed for war. She is Bill Clinton's Patriot missile battery, her task to intercept and destroy Republican Scuds. In a campaign in which, she asserts, the Bush camp's sole strategy is to pulverise its opponent, her performance will be critical in determining whether Mr Clinton reaches the Oval Office.

Miss Wright knows Mr Clinton, the man and politician, better than anyone except his wife. They have been friends since George McGovern's 1972 campaign. For seven years she was the Arkansas governor's chief of staff. She has assembled and combed 1,200 boxes of documents pertaining to his past for areas of vulnerability (she admits there are some). She has prepared lines of rebuttal for every conceivable line of attack. As defender of the record, she plans to knock down distortions with facts, her means of delivery a barrage of faxes to the nation's

The Democrats know that Mr Clinton, of all men, enjoys no Teflon coating. They know he will be assailed as the "failed governor of a small state" and a man who cannot be trusted. Could the Republicans be sitting on another explosive revelation about his private life? "Not a true one," Miss Wright said in an interview. "I am not at all confident there are not lies in the making out there, but my job is to dispel and discredit them as rapidly as possible."

A forceful Texan of 48 with handsome features and waves of steel-gray hair, Miss Wright has no illusions about the weeks ahead. Mr Bush had failed to set a moral tone. The Republican party "has been taken over by right-wing fanatics driven more by hate than hope." Already its campaign was meaner even than 1988. "I have gotten to where I expect anything," she said, and she and her dozen aides have the benefit of ample spring training.

Last September, loathing the strain of campaigns, she accepted a Harvard fellowship. By March, Mr Clinton

Bill Clinton called up a trusted old friend, a tough Texan woman, to take charge of his Patriot missile battery and shoot down Republican rumour Scuds. This way his path to the Oval Office can be swept dean

Martin Fletcher writes from Little Rock, Arkansas

faced multiple charges of infidelity, draft-dodging and financial skullduggery in Arkansas and was being savaged like "a piece of meat". Miss Wright alone knew his record well enough to refute the allegations. He begged her to return and when she did, she found Little Rock overrun by reporters digging for dirt. Numerous contacts told her who they were and what they were after. She aggressively telephoned them at their hotels, told them she knew what they were up to, and sought to balance or kill their stories. In

most cases, she said, it worked. To counter endless spurious claims of adultery by Mr

TWO days after troops began

erecting a tent city in south

Florida to house victims of

Hurricane Andrew, disaster

relief officials are finding few

takers for Desert Storm living

conditions, never mind the hot

showers, steaming mugs of

Many of the 180,000

people whose homes were

demolished or badly damaged

by 160mph winds, prefer to stay in condemned buildings

than become refugees. By

yesterday morning only 145

people had moved to the

Harris Field tent city in

" They think of tent cities as

concentration camps," said

coffee and bacon and eggs.



Wright: her performance will be critical

Clinton she employed a lead-

ing private investigator. San Francisco's Jack Palladino, who by May alone had re-\$28,000 (£14,000) from the campaign. At the Democrats' July convention, Miss Wright learnt that Sally Perdue, a former Miss Arkansas, was about to profess a past affair with Mr Clinton. She and Mr Palladino found four friends and relatives to dispute Ms Perdue's veracity and man-

aged to kill the story. In another instance, news organisations were sent an anonymous fax claiming one of Mr Clinton's former law students had committed sui-

Hurricane victims spurn tent city

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

Tony Vasquez of Florida City.

He said people were scared of

losing their surviving posses-

sions to looters, though nearly

20,000 soldiers are now in the

disaster zone helping provide

security.
Building inspectors have

implored thousands to aban-

don their homes, warning

them that dangling electric

wires, leaking roofs and sag-

ging ceilings could kill them.

Some of those people are

taking their lives in their hands," said David Figuer-

edo, a local inspector heading

five teams reviewing damaged homes. He has left a trail of

placards which read "Unfit for

cide in 1978 after he made her pregnant. Mr Palladino discovered two members of the presidential victory committee, an unofficial Republican organisation, tormenting the girl's relatives in an attempt to corroborate the story. The family denied it on national television and condemned their harassers.

Bimbo eruptions" Miss Wright calls such episodes. She has counted at least 26. but only Gennifer Flowers has made the mainstream press. She admits Mr Clinton has on occasion been naively "careless about appearances, but blames "gold-diggers", tab-loids who offer them six-figure sums to lie, and the Republicans who, she insists, are generating many of the

When the Bush campaign recently put up Carroll Campbell, South Carolina's Republican governor, to criticise Mr Clinton's record. Miss Wright distributed a past letter from him lauding that record before he started speaking. During last month's Republican convention she ran a "lie meter" from a restaurant near Houston's Astrodome that rapidly reached three figures. Within 15 minutes of Mr Bush's acceptance speech she was handing out the gover-

safe building, Shall not be lived in." Inspector Clay Parker led another team

which found a 91-year-old

woman who refused to leave

her unsafe home. "The ceiling

was ready to come down and

there were snakes and scorpi-

ons all over the house," he

said. "But she said the Lord

had got her through the storm

and he would get her through the calm, too." he added.

• Washington: The emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Ah-

med al-Sabah, has donated

\$10 million to the American

Red Cross to help fund relief

for Hurricane Andrew vic-

tims, the Kuwaiti embassy

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Jews asked to renounce land dream

Jerusalem: Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Labour prime minister. has made a strong appeal for occupied land to be given up, urging Israelis to abandon any hopes of controlling all biblial Israel.

Mr Rabin said Israel must seek compromises in the Middle East peace talks. He told a military awards ceremony that Israelis should "cast off delusions of a religion of a Greater Land of Israel". Yitzhak Shamir, his predecessor, had viewed the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to 1.75 million Palestinians, as

Israel's biblical birthright. "The strength of a nation is not measured by land, the lands under its control (but) rather by its faith, its ability to foster its social, economic and defence systems," Mr Rabin said. He expected agreement within a year on a plan for

Palestinian self-rule.

Mr Rabin, who took office after June's elections, had campaigned on a pledge to concentrate on social issues. and has curbed Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. (Reuter)

Toll mounts

Kabul: Flash floods in the Afghan Hindu Kush mountains north of Kabul have killed more than 450 people and at least 500 are missing, govern-ment officials and British aid workers said. (Reuter)

Truce agreed

Moscow: Russia, Georgia and its separatist Abkhazian minority have agreed that a ceasefire in the bitter conflict on the Black Sea coast, which has claimed hundreds of lives. should start tomorrow.

MOW ROW

Claim denied

Moscow: Russia has rejected US claims that it has failed to close biological weapons programme of the former Soviet Union. An official said Presi-dent Yeltsin had banned germ warfare. (AFP)

said here (Reuter) Mud-slinging greets Ferraro's return to politics

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ALFONSE D'Âmato, New York's Republican senator, is no stranger to political street-fighting. Earlier this year he distributed a cam-paign letter which began: "I hope you're sitting down as you read this. GERALDINE FERRARO is back."

That was a neatly calculate ed warning, for Geraldine Ferraro's decision to run in the New York Democratic primary to pick a candidate to run against Senator D'Amato has not only relaunched the career of one of the most prominent female politicians in America, it has also revived the accusations of Mafia links, financial impropriety and scandal that have dogged the former congresswoman since the disastrous campaign as Walter Mondale's running mate in

1984. From the start Mrs Ferraro, 56, has been the clear favourite, but with less than two weeks to go until the Democratic primary the campaign has taken on a mud-slinging violence that makes Mrs Ferraro's 1984

experience look clean by comparison. Two of her three opponents for the Democratic nomination, Elizabeth Hoitzman, New York's financial controller, and Robert Abrams, the state's attorney-general, have seized on her family's alleged links with the Mafia in an effort to undermine her. She has responded with characteristic vim. accusing her attackers of ethnic bias against Italian-Americans and painting herself in television advert-

isements as an Italian Anita

Hill a woman beset by sexist

The allegations against Mrs Ferraro and her husband, John Zaccaro, a property developer, first emerged in 1984, after it was revealed that they had leased a warehouse to Star Distributors. child pornography distributors with known links to organised crime. At the time, she denied knowing about the company and promised to evict them. But according to an article in The Village Voice, the company stayed put until 1987 and the Zaccaros allegedly netted an

extra \$300,000 in rent. Whether the accusations will seriously damage Mrs Ferraro's renewed poltical ambitions depends ultimately on the Democratic voters



Ferraro: says she is a woman beset by sexist accusers

High-living elite helps Iraq to survive sanctions as suspicions revive over arms production

Saddam 'mafia' tightens grip on supply network

TWO years after the imposi-tion of United Nations sanctions, a complex network of companies, middlemen and smugglers is keeping Iraq supplied with sufficient goods to enable President Saddam Hussein to retain a grip on power. They operate in countries as diverse as Cyprus, Switzerland, Turkey, Iran, Jordan, Bulgaria and Syria.

His tradition of buying loyalty, which goes back to the 1980-1988 war with Iran, when families of the fallen were presented with new cars. is seen by European intelligence sources as likely to frustrate Washington's hope of toppling Saddam in the near future.

Procurement is in the hands of Saddam's relatives, including his flamboyant eldest son Uday. They are known as the "new matia". By exploiting shortages, they have acquired vast wealth and, by siphoning off luxuries and the pick of essentials to a million party and military loyalists, have greatly reduced the chances of a successful coup.
Uday. 28. a self-confessed

murderer (of his father's food taster, whom he accused of pimping on behalf of Saddam's mistress) carries a golden gun, drives a black Porsche and recently acquired the monopoly over chicken, which retails at the price of caviar in the West. He once shot on the spot an army officer who objected to his flirting with his wife.

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Western diplomats in Jor-dan and Iraqi exiles maintain that Saddam's recent execution of 42 leading merchants accused of profiteering was designed in part to strengthen the family's grip over supply routes. It has backfired, creating a wave of fear that is now threatening trade in vital foodstuffs.

They were a respectable, decent class who were not profiteering", said Yusuf Nader, a Palestinian trader who specialises in providing Iraq with staple products. "I knew some of them as personal friends, and it hurt deeply when they were murdered. Saddam also took everything away from their families, who are now destitute. Some of the merchants were tied to poles

The ability of Saddam and his sons to reward political allies and frustrate hopes of their fall is examined by Michael Theodoulou and Christopher Walker

in public with boards saying We are bloodsuckers'. They were then brought to the interior ministry (run by Saddam's half-brother and executed," Mr Nader said.

The executions were also seen as a crude attempt by Saddam to deflect public discontent at the high living of his elite, flaunted under the noses of the people struggling for survival in a war-torn economy where food prices have increased by up to 50 times since the 1991 ceasefire. Other moves have included a £12,000 fine and jail for a nightclub patron who thrust a blank cheque at the feet of a buxom belly dancer, and the banning of singing in Bagh-dad's fantastically priced restaurants. In one favoured by the Takriti (the ruling clan named after Saddam's home town), the new year's eve menu included lobster thermidor and suckling pig for the equivalent of £225 a head.

Although much of the trade is sanctions-busting, with Tur-key recently replacing Jordan the favoured overland route, the UN sanctions committee this summer permitted a British-registered company, Worldwide Corporation Limited with headquarters in Stratford-upon-Avon, to export legally 480 million ciga-

Alī Hassan al-Majid:

Hussein Kamel: son-

Supervisor of the oil

and industrial sectors

Barzan al-Tikriti: half-

Watban Ibrahim al-

Hassan: half-brother.

UN in Geneva

Interior minister

brother. Ambassador to

in- law and cousin.

cousin. Defence minister

rettes to Iraq. Because so many cigarettes, legally and illegally shipped, had already found their way to Baghdad, the company, part of the Worldwide Group based in the Cypriot port of Larnaca, declined to take up the deal, which it no longer considered

profitable. Had it gone ahead, it would have been paid in oil futures, the right to Iraqi crude once its sale abroad is permitted again. "We applied and re-applied for the licence and eventually the UN agreed to our application, which went initially through the Department of Trade and Industry", said Charles Hadkinson, the chief executive of the group. "We argued that in a Third World country, cigarettes are a necessity. Without them, people become unstable and can resort to violence."

Diplomats have expressed surprise that cigarettes should be considered legal trade. "If sanctions are ever going to work, that is the sort of thing we should be depriving them of", one claimed.

Concerted efforts by a top New York corporate detective agency and a number of intelligence services have yet to track down the whereabouts or exact total of Saddam's hidden wealth, put anywhere between \$10 billion and \$26 billion (up to £13 billion), much of it obtained by skim-ming a percentage off Iraq's oil revenues since 1972. But it is agreed that Saddam's halfbrother, Barzan Takriti. oversees the shadowy financing operation from his fortresslike Swiss villa overlooking Lake Geneva, where he also heads Iraq's permanent mission to the UN and its delegation to the Human Rights

As deputy and later head of the notorious Mukhabarat, Iraq's intelligence service, he developed the "sheep dip", a five-storey establishment in Baghdad's Salman Pak area. where witnesses have described how prisoners and corpses were thrown into acid baths in the basement. In 1978, he established the medical poisons unit in Baghdad University's medical college and a year later, led the crackdown against Shia opponents of the regime. Over 100 petitions have

been sent to the Swiss government and the UN urging his removal, but to no avail. "We even saw the Swiss ambassador in London to demand the expulsion of this man who has been responsible for at least 23,000 deaths," said Saad Jabr, son of a former Iraqi prime minister who now heads the London-based Free Iraqi Council. "We told him that harbouring a criminal like this was doing no good for Switzerland's reputation for neutrality. But it did not make one iota of difference. He asked us for proof. What proof does he want that Iraq is being run by a bunch of

gangsters?"
Another increasingly important cog in the corrupt family machine is Uday's younger brother, Kusai, aged only 25 but already, despite his deceptively shy manner, he is the head of the Mukhabarat and, more importantly, of the Amn al-Khass, the 8,000strong unit responsible for the president's security.

Both sons are known as the "cubs" and regarded as potential successors to Saddam, 55. Kusai, whose agents frequently administer the "Iraqi mani-cure", the removal of all fingernails from unco-opera-



Staying power: Uday, the flamboyant son of Saddam, is responsible for buying the loyalties of party and military officials to strengthen the family's hold on Iraq

tive detainees, is regarded as closer to his father. He is also in charge of military procurement. "Saddam relies on and trusts Kusai more", one Iraqi opposition leader said. "Uday runs the newspaper Babel and is more of a playboy. Both are believed to have been allowed to witness torture sessions when they were young to prepare them.

Because Iraq still refuses to sell its permitted quota of oil

under what it alleges are the "colonial" terms dictated by the UN, it now faces a severe currency shortage. Last month a shipment of 900,000 tonnes of Australian wheat was almost wholly paid for in gold. Other methods of raising cash

have included round-the-clock printing of dinars, which has pushed inflation to dizzy heights, the use of bribes paid by international companies involved in the rebuilding which followed the Iran-Iraq war and the sale - for dollars - of majority stakes in state

The remarkable rate of reconstruction after the allied bombing has been boosted by tax exemptions for those involved, while Baath party activists have received many perks. "The aim is to create a class whose lifestyle would collapse if Saddam fell from power", one exile remarked.

Baghdad 'still makes nuclear weapons'

By Michael Evans DEFENCE CURRESPONDENT

THIS week's claim by the leader of a United Nations weapons inspection team that Iraq's nuclear bomb programme has been eliminated was criticised yesterday as naive by his predecessor. David Kay, who led three missions 10 Iraq, insisted there was evidence that Iraq still had a hidden underground plutonium reactor.

Mr Kay, an American who now works for the Uranium Institute in London, said he was appalled by the statement by Maurizio Zifferem. the new UN team leader, that the programme was "at zero". Signor Zifferero, the Italian deputy director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, repeated his claim yesterday, saying: "All the inuc-lear] activities are destroyed. There is no possibility of a substantial organised programme going on in Iraq

But Mr Kay, said: "it's naive and imprudent and not really based on the evidence." He said the Iraqis had refused to hand over the complete list of foreign companies and scientists who had been involved in the nuclear pro-gramme. "If we had that list, we could find out what hasn't been uncovered. I am convinced there is an underground plutonium reactor under construction somewhere in Iraq." he said.

He added that there was also evidence that the Iraqis were clandestinely reprocessing nuclear material. "To say it is 'zero' is a leap of faith that I don't share." Mr Kay, who led one team held for five days in a Baghdad car park nearly 12 months ago, said that the Iragis had never told the truth and had always tried to deceive and obstruct the UN

"You can only speak with authority about what you have seen, not what the Iraqis tell you," he said, adding that he hoped that the UN Security Council would maintain the nuclear checks and would not accept Signor Zifferero's

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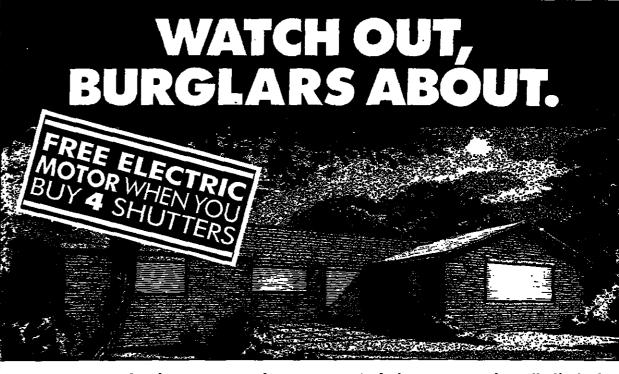
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Chronicles of mayhem

Trollope's novels are surprisingly full of violence, says Victoria Glendinning

nthony Trollope is inex-haustible as a man and a A haustible as a man and novelist. One surprising aspect of his fiction is the physical violence involved. It is a supremely unexpected trait in the chronicler of Barsetshire, and I was provoked into thinking more about it when Lord Quinton, touched on the topic in his speech to the Trollope Society of New York in April.

Is there any fictional mother outside Trollope who has toyed with the idea of killing her young adult child? But Lady Anna's mother is tempted to do her in, simply in order to prevent her making an "unsuitable" match. This well-bred mother keeps a pistol in her writing desk.

The ugly scar on George Vavasor's face, in another novel, is incurred when repelling a burglar, whom he kills. George Vavasor is a real sadist, breaking his adoring sister Kate's arm and leaving her alone and in agony. In Trollope's first book, Thady Macdermot

bumps off his sister's lover with two skull-shattering blows on the head. He found Family honour is the truth of more politely desensationally fended by duelling. but duels had been murderous made illegal in England; when impulses Phineas Finn and Lord Chiltern fight in his a duel, they have to go abroad to do it. fictional At home, rough characters justice prevails. What is particularly

satisfactory about these episodes is that Trollope gives their exact locations, so that walking through London one can imagine them happening. Tom Tringle, drunk and rainsoaked. punches Colonel Stubbs one night outside the Haymarket Theatre in a fit of jealousy over a girl. Johnny Eames assaults Adolphus Crosbie for abandoning Lily - seizing him by the throat and punching him in the eye - at Paddington Station, leaving him "prostrate among the newspapers" in the W.H. Smith bookstall. A dignified cleric, Dean Lovelace, flies at the Marquis of Brotherton's throat in a hotel in Albemarle Street and knocks him into the fender. Humble John Crumb goes for his Ruby's aristocratic seducer in a gas-lit passage near the Angel, Islington, catchin him round the neck with his left arm and hitting him in the face with his right, "getting him into chancery as we used to say when we fought at school", as Trollope comments.

Bullied at Harrow to the point of despair, Trollope once had a great fight there which went on for hours. He was badly hurt but emerged victorious. He was capable of the kind of sensitivity that is called feminine. But he could also be something of a bully himself. As he wrote with feeling in his life of Palmerston, "A man who will not be bullied will comerimes bully".

Murderous women are not presented by Trollope as harpies or monsters but as ordinary people provoked to excessive acts. Winifred Hurtle, an intelligent and highly desirable woman, once "shot a man through the head somewhere in Oregon". Attractive Mrs O'Hara pushes her daughter's betrayer to a

horrible death on the rocks over the Cliffs of Moher. But mostly women's violence is self-directed. Nina Balatka and Linda Tressel both want to put an end to their lives in the river, in Prague and Nuremberg respectively. Marie Clavert, on the night of her arranged marriage to an elderly one legged man, hurls herself to her death down a

Pyrenean mountain chasm. Male suicides in Trollope are connected with business failures, social disgrace, and alcohol. Sir Henry Harcourt, financially ruined and abandoned by his wife, shoots himself in the chilly splendour of his Eaton Square house. Dobbs Broughton, the nouveau riche financial fixer, shoots himself while drunk. The great and greatly wicked Melmotte takes prussic acid with his brandy night-cap.

Sometimes I wonder whether Mrs Proudie, discovered dead open-eyed, half-standing, with one arm round the bed-post — did not kill herself, by mistake on purpose,

with too much of the medicinal draught we are told she took... There's a lot of

sheer thuggery, too, in Trollope's fiction: a graphic at-tempted rape in Bermuda; the violence of a weak and guilty man. Cousin
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himself at the
throat of the attorney, and Harry
Annesley flinging
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ough against the railings in Charles Street at 2 am, leaving him on the pavement unconscious. The deranged Mr Kennedy pulls a gun on Phineas Finn in a seedy hotel room in Judd Street. Tipsy young Everett Wharton is mugged walking in St James's Park.

Many people assume that the danger of walking in London at night is a modern phenomenon. But London parks, in Trollope's day, suffered the bad reputation that New York's Central Park has today. Gentlemen carried "life-preservers": sticks weighted with lead, such as that with which the Vicar of Bullhampton wallops in-truders in his vicarage garden. A common form of mugging was garrotting, which is throttling from behind, using a cord or iron ba across the victim's throat. This is what happens to the fictional Mr Kennedy one night on the corner of Brook Street and Park Street. Mr Bonteen is murdered on the way home from his club, in an alley off Berkeley Street. Trollope readers will recognise which novels and stories these instances come from, and may think of more.

Trollope took issue with distinctions between "sensational" and "realistic" novels. A good novel, he wrote, should be both. And if there be "truth of description, truth of character, human truth as to men and women ... I do not know that a novel can be too sensational" Trollope, categorised as the chronicler of the everyday, found the truth of sensationally murderous impulses in their commonality.

Victoria Glendinning's biography of Trollope is published this week

by Hutchinson at £20.

Ministers have connived in a confidence trick over GCSE standards, argues Stuart Maclure

Magic in the marks

he latest examination controversy is about a report from Her Majesty's Inspectors which is expected to say that standards have slipped. True to form, we have the conclusions before the evidence. Sensitive to critics on his right, John Patten promises action before anyone has had a chance to put what is happening in

What is clear, however, is that recent categorical statements from the examination boards that standards have been maintained are rhetoric rather than fact. What they mean is "we have done our best to make sure there is no obvious slip-page". But there is no absolute stan-dard in an examination such as GCSE. The eventual "standards" built into the grading system are matters of judgment judgment based on knowledge and experience, but still, when the chips are down, on something less than mathematical objectivity. There are five examining bodies for England and Wales; it is widely believed that the standards in different subjects differ from board to board. The papers are marked by thou-

sands of examiners, who do a good

job for a pittance. They are given marking schemes which provide guidance on how the marks are to be awarded, but each group of examiners and chief examiners has to interpret these. Some are harder task-masters than others. There then are reconciliation procedures to my to iron out differences before the final judgments are made about the grade barriers (the number of marks required to get a grade A, B, C, D or E).

Grades A to C are meant to maintain the standards set by the General Certificate of Education which held sway till 1987, But the GCSE was a new exam with new syllabuses, intended to provide new incentives for teaching and learning. A feature of it is the inclusion of some course work within the corpus of material that counts towards the final examination marks. Traditionalists - most of whom happened to have been good at traditional exams - distrust contin-

uous assessment, which is much harder to monitor and more open to polite forms of cheating by well-intentioned parents. While these people concentrated their attention on the judicial function of the examination as a way of assessing merit, the educators tended to be more interested in it as a device for motivating pupils to work and to learn: GCSE was intended to embrace a much wider range of students than the GCE.

The general view - supported by the inspectors - is that the new exam has done this, that the curricular changes and the introduction of continuous assessment have increased the work-rate among 14 and 15 year olds, and this has brought more of them on. Examinations are "easier" for wellmotivated pupils than for pupils who find the work a burden. In this sense, therefore the new exam must

There is another sense in which it

may have become easier. The new exam was brought in in a mad rush. Teachers had to adapt quickly to a regime which required them to be examiners as well as teachers. There may well have been some slippage in the first few years as the examiners leant over backwards not to be unfair to pupils who were guinea-pigs. And this may have had some more lasting effect

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Ministers were always conniving in a confidence trick when they promised that the new examination would maintain exactly the same standards as the old. After all, the notion of an inflexible examination standard is itself a confidence trick. This is what public exams are about confidence. That is the magic they dispense.

The government has already begun to reduce the course work content in response to criticism from pressure groups. Secretly, most of us measure the standard of an exam by its exclusivity. GCE.

like the old School Certificals before it, was an exam aimed at the deverest 25 per tent. Part of its prestige was due to the fact that 75 per cent of the population could not meet its demands. If GCSE were simply to cream off the top 25 per cent of examinees, everyone would know where they stood, but then an increase in the number of entrants might simply erode standards.

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What we shall now have is a bout of breast-beating which will leave the intrinsically difficult questions unanswered. What remains is the excellent news that more pupils are making their way through the sys-tem and achieving what is deemed necessary to go further. We need a system which "qualifies" a much larger proportion of pupils, not one which disqualifies 75 per cent.

And whatever else is dragged into this debate, let's keep spelling out of it; spelling is important, but what has been happening at GCSE is about other things. Spelling needs to be taken in hand well before the last two years of the compulsory school period.

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The danger of majority rule R.W. Johnson, in Natal, considers the political forces that could lead

outh Africa's stalled political debate hinges on two great issues, a power-sharing solution versus simple majority rule, and federalism versus a centralised, unitary state. In the period since the breakdown of the constitutional negotiations, attention has focused more and more strongly on the second of these issues. Partly this is because federalism constitutes a key form of power-sharing in itself, and partly because it provides a platform around which President de Klerk can hope to build a coalition including many of the minor parties, black "home-land" leaders and perhaps right-

wing whites. But the federalist debate has also drifted to the fore for two other reasons. One is that Lesotho, which Surrounged by South At rica and whose independence has been a sorry story of political failure. may wish to rejoin South Africa once white supremacy has ended. Clearly, such an arrangement would require a considerable measure of self-government for Lesotho, which would imply a federal dispensation overall. But the other reason stems from a quite opposite consideration: that without federalism, South Africa might simply split apart like a huge African Yugoslavia.

Thus far, discussion has centred mainly on the possible creation of a Boerestaat, the Afrikaner homeland favoured by the far right.
Apart from the fact that a pure white racist state of this sort could be achieved only by horrendous and large-scale "ethnic deansing" and would probably find it impossible to gain international recogni-tion, the big problem about Boerestaat is where exactly it would

be. The Northern Transvaal was the only area of the country to vote No in de Klerk's referendum, and is thus the heartland of Boerestaat feeling, but even there blacks are in a large majority. Furthermore, the area is landlocked, droughtstricken and on the way to becoming a dust bowl. Not even the white right dares to suggest that ethnically-minded Afrikaaners from around the country should uproot themselves to settle there.

to the break up of South Africa

But the Boerestaat debate has obscured another factor: that by far the most likely candidate for secession is Natal. Chief Buthelezi has no reservations about declaring that a state of war effectively exists between the African National Congress and his Inkatha movement already, and given the weekly toll of ores of deaths in the internecine fighting between the two organisations, this hardly seems an exaggeration. The bottom line for Chief Buthelezi is the preservation. at minimum, of sufficient local autonomy for Inkatha and the traditional Zulu monarchy to survive. Should a radical ANC government come to power within a centralised unitary system, these institutions may feel so threatened. that secession - with all its dangers - seems the safest way out.

If, moreover, things came to such a desperate pass, Inkatha would find ready allies in the right-wing whites of Northern Natal and among the white and Indian commercial classes of Durban, who prefer its free-enterprise stance to the socialist maxims of the ANC. Natal separatism has, in any case, never really died among those who proudly proclaim it as "the last outpost of the British Empire". Inkatha has already begun to point



out how badly Natal does in government subsidy, and there is no shortage of voices pointing out that Natal's sizeable industry, together with its coal, sugar, timber, plentiful water and control of the continent's two biggest ports. Durban and Richards Bay, would be useful bargaining chips.

The trouble is that Durban is Johannesburg's port, and any gov-ernment in Pretoria, whatever its complexion, would be bound to resist any unilateral declaration of independence by Natal - with armed force if necessary. At which point one must note that Chief Buthelezi's KwaZulu police is larger than the police forces of Lesotho and Botswana combined, and al-

ready constitutes a significant para-

military force. Moreover, an ANC

government wishing to resist such

an independence movement would

find itself entirely in the hands of the white army officers whom it loathes and distrusts.

Were such a desperate enterprise to get under way, others would have cause and opportunity to examine their own separatist options. As 80 per cent of the electorare of the Western Cape is white as coloured it is certain that white or coloured, it is certain that the region will produce a large — and predominantly Afrikaansspeaking — anti-ANC majority. Already there is a distinct trickle of white migration to the Cape, which, if civil order were to collapse, would quickly become a torrent. One could even imagine a reversal of the Great Trek, with the hard-bitten right-wingers of the Northern Transvaal retracing the steps their forefathers took in 1838. For, of course, if all else fails, the Western Cape is the natural Boerestaat, even though a majority of the Afrikaners there have brown rather than white skins.

ike Natal, the Cape has a long and fond memory of a previous existence as a separate colony, which it could quite easily fall back on. But the general confusion and turmoil created by secession would probably also encourage at least some of the Tswanas of the Bophuthatswana homeland to seek a merger with neighbouring Botswana, and elements within the Swazi "homeland" of KaNgwane might make a similar move towards Swaziland. As Yugoslavia has shown, once the dominoes begin to fall it is a matter

South Africa has been a single country only since 1910 - which in historical terms means that the glue is hardly dry. But there is a strong sense of national commonality among all groups, and there is certainly nothing inevitable about this secessionist scenario, particularly if a federalist solution can be achieved.

The irony that needs to be understood, however, is that nothing would do more than to advance the cause of secession than the arrival in power of a radical. centralising elite, intent, as is the ANC on large-scale social engineering in a unitary state. For this might well appear so threatening to some groups that they would feel they had been presented with a door-die choice - in which case a triumphant African nationalism might find, in its very hour of victory, that the state was coming apart in its hands.

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Testerday morning, a bellwether suddenly appeared in my street. It had, however, a petrel standing on it. It is thus far too early to say what may or may not be portended. It is far too early to say anything. In fact. as things are turning out, it is impossible to say anything.

The item, which has taken up residence a few doors from mine. is an estate agent's signboard. Nothing odd about that, you say, we live in desperate times, things fall apart, the mortgage cannot hold, half the country is For Sale. glance down any street and you will be dazzled by the breezeblown escutcheons of a hundred different agents, it is like the Field of the Cloth of Gold. But this is not a For Sale

sign. This - are you sitting down? - is a Sold sign. Pedestrians pause to clutch the wall and breathe upon their disbelieving spectacles, passing traffic brakes and slews, a police horse rears, as even the best-trained will at the hitherto uncome-upon, and the very dogs forbear from widdling against the sign lest unpredictable consequences ensue. A house has been sold. A property has shifted. A deal has been done. In the annus horribilis of 1992. someone who wants to sell has actually come across someone

who wants to buy. Which of course means that all the Batemanesque effects listed above are as nothing compared to the catalysis wrought upon my neighbours. A house in their street has at last been unloaded. A house like theirs. All yesterday. they first peered from their windows, then tip-toed up their front gardens, finally crept on to the pavement, and at last edged. as if actually bent on walking somewhere completely different. towards the house in question. Those of you who saw It Came From Outer Space and recall the moment when the villagers gingerly approach the buckled flying saucer steaming in their meadow, may perhaps understand how I, first to have seen the thing on my dawn jog, could scarce refrain from leaping into my neighbours' tentative paths, waving my hands and shouting: "For God's sake, stay back! This may be estate agency, my friends, but not as we know it!"

That I did not was almost certainly down to the instantly obvious fact that none of us was going to say anything at all. We were going to speak things, yes, but we were not going to say anything. Each knew what was in the others' minds, but none was going to push it off the top of his tongue. Conversations went like this:

"Ah. I don'i suppose you've any idea what ... " "Absolutely not, couldn't even begin to make a ... " "No, of course not, but as a sort of what shall I say, ball-park, er..." "Well, I suppose one could phone the ... "I shouldn't think they'd..." "Right, and anyway. I'm not really..." "No, nor me. not in the slightest ... " "Still. it's probably an indication that Well, the three round the corner are still on the..." "True but they're not quite..." "Good point, this street has always..." "Well ex-

actly, after all, that's why we ... And then, after a fair bit of this had been winging hither and yon. the front door of the house opened. Whereupon nobody said anything, at all, not even. "Have no fear, neighbourling, we mean you no narm, we come in peace, but after the vendor had smiled at us, backed his car out, and driven away, everybody started speaking again, still saying nothing, but this time saying it about the nothing they had previously said. viz: "I suppose we could have come

straight out and asked ... ""I would have ... "I was going to..." "Me too, but then ? thought, it's not really any of "Precisely, and there's also the question of why he might have had to ... "Did he have to?" "I've no idea, but if he did, if he was strapped for ..." Then it was bound to affect the . . . " "And therefore not a true indication "There's also the fact that the place itself is a bit, well ... 'Yes, my wife had a quick look through the window, and she was quite ... " "Mind you, one man's in need of some modernisation is another man's wealth of original features, ha ha ha. so you can't

really base ... ? At which point, since it was now growing dark, the little knots of neighbours began gradually to unravel and drift back to their several premises. Where any spouses who had stayed home to baste the chicken asked (if I am any judge), "Well, what do vou think?

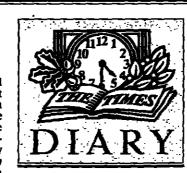
And were told that it was impossible to say.

You say Yes, I say No

EVEN as President Mitterrand went on French television last night to appeal for a "oui" vote in the Maastricht referendum, the shadow of Charles de Gaulle loomed over the debate as the general's own family divided over how France's greatest modern hero would have voted. The campaign office of Philippe Séguin was incensed at the way Mitterand's campaign claimed the founder of the Fifth Republic as a supporter.

And small wonder. The general's own grandson, also named Charles de Gaulle, has been working around the clock for Seguin, the leader of the "non" campaign. which last night denounced what it called the "hijacking" of de Gaulle. Séguin's spokesperson, Benedicte Brissard, says: "Of course one may give any interpretation one wishes to the views of someone who is no longer here to defend them. But we think it is -- how do you say? -inappropriate.

But Pierre de Boissieu. another member of the de Gaulle clan, and a senior civil servant in the French government, takes a contrary view. 'Of course I support the treaty. I should do. I helped to write it. I am sure General de Gaulle would have voted Yes. He would have liked the skeleton of the treaty although I don't think he would have liked Mitterrand." And has the family debated its differences on the issue? 'Non." De Gaulle's oldest friends have also been drawn into the argument. Maurice Schumann. the general's right-hand man as spokesman in London for the Free French during the war, says: "I can't imagine de Gaulle supporting such a treaty. But I abstain from quoting him. Genius is always unpredictable."



Sticking his neck out? NINETY-ONE years of tradition will be abolished at a stroke next week when Uppingham School

does away with that symbol of privi lege, the old school tie. Uppingham's plain funereal black was introduced in 1901 as a token of respect upon the death of Queen Victoria. Although probably few of the boys throughout the century have realised it, they have been in mourning ever since. On Monday, the first day of the new term. 600 boys will file into the school hall for assembly and will discover the new ties on their seats. At a word from the headmaster. Dr Stephen Winkley, the entire school will change from the old neckwear to

Winkley, who designed the new tie himself, says: "When I came here a year ago, I thought all the boys looked very sombre, like penguins." The new tie is silver and blue. Winkley says: "I've called it pale Prussian blue because that has military overtones which will apneal to the old boys. Some of the school will be sad to part with the black tie, because no one is more reactionary than a 15-year-old boy." Jonathan Agnew, BBC cricket correspondent and an old Uppinghamian says: "About time. The whole uniform was black and white. It was grim. The boys looked like miniature undertakers."

 Heaven knows what Lady Howard de Walden, founder of Queen Charlotte's Ball, would make of it, but the English debutante social season appears to have been put out to commercial sponsorship. Not only will the 30 society girls at this year's debutantes debut at Grosvenor House on September 14 be kitted out in white frocks lent by Berketex, wedding dress manufacturers to the county of Essex, but top prize in the ball's auction is a holiday for four at Euro-Disney, where all the best-heeled debs can have their photographs taken with such society escorts as Donald Duck and Pluto. Fair enough, you may say, at a charitable event. But

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do we really need Mickey Mouse wangling his way into the publicity shots - especially in what the ball organisers insist on describing as his "Henley outfit"?

15 minutes are up

WHEN the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh decided to stage a retrospective of the work of James Pryde, the singer Bryan Ferry was more than happy to lend some pictures from his own extensive collection. He was duly invited to attend the exhibition which is running throughout the Edinburgh Festival Ferry regretfully declined due to pressure of business, but Richard Calvocoressi, the keeper of the gallery, was delighted when he spotted a distinctive figure at the show. "Oh, Mr Ferry, so you could come after all," Calvocoressi exclaimed. "How good of you to spare the time." After a pause in which the gallery's distinguished visitor seemed lost for words, he eventually found his tongue. "Sorry, I am not Bryan Ferry. I am David Bowie."

Lost leader

LOOKING SPRUCE and with chin jutting as confidently ever. Neil Kinnock re-emerged on Wednesday night for his first public appearance since resigning as Labour leader. He joined a veritable who's who of retired Labour politicians celebrating better yesterdays and the publication of Peter Hennessey's Never Again, a history of Labour Britain 1945-1951.

Kinnock's memories of the era must be mostly of spoonfuls of NHS cod-liver oil. But that did not prevent him speaking emotionally and humorously about the Attlee government - though at more than half-a-hour, for rather too long. He displayed only the faintest hint of bitterness when he referred to the unfinished work of past Labour governments, which he had himself hoped to complete. Then, as Hennessey asked for silence from the champagne-swilling chattering classes on the eighth-floor terrace outside. Kinnock remarked: "They can either be quiet or they can jump. That is the choice we all face these days." Among those chastised was Charles Kennedy, the Liberal Democrat MP. who popped his head around the door to enquire: "Has he admitted yet that he lost the election?"

THE CASE FOR RECALL

The Labour party leader. John Smith, has a good case for a recall of Parliament and the prime minister, John Major, has no good reason for refusing him. This has been a noisy summer. International events have been unfolding at a heady speed, in former Yugoslavia, Iraq and Somalia, let alone France. British forces have been promised to help the United Nations relief effort in the Balkans and aircraft have been sent to join the Gulf allies in Iraq. Meanwhile the economy has taken an unexpected turn for the worse, belying government forecasts. Parliament, which has been away for an unusually long recess, certainly has plenty to discuss.

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Precedent is on Mr Smith's side. Recalls were granted in August 1968 to debate the Soviet invasion of Prague and the Nigerian civil war, and in August 1961 for the erection of the Berlin wall. In none of these were British troops involved. Refusals in 1979, 1980 and 1981 were better justified than this one. A debate on the steel strike in December 1979, for instance, could have awaited Parliament's return. But never before has an Opposition request for a recall been refused when a serious turn in international affairs was the issue, let alone when British troops were at risk.

The Labour party request may have been pure political tactics, an attempt to rebut widespread criticism of Mr Smith for failing to embarrass the government over the recessionary state of the economy. During the recess, his party can only oppose through newspaper columns, radio and television. Press conferences do not produce the guaranteed coverage of Parliament, nor do they force responses from ministers. A recall of Parliament would certainly allow Mr Smith to conduct a more active Opposition. But such tactical motivation does not undermine the case for a recall.

A recall would hardly be high risk for Mr

Major. Mr Smith has agreed to back government policy in former Yugoslavia and in Iraq. On the economy, the government may find itself trapped by sterling's position in the ERM and by its presidency of the EC, but the Opposition has argued itself into no less constrained a position. Desperate to shake off the incubus of the Callaghan government's ordeal by the IMF and years of irresponsibility in opposition, Labour dare not call for a sterling devaluation within the ERM, still less for a withdrawal from the mechanism altogether. It cannot oppose Maastricht. The extent of the consensus between the two front benches over the economy is extraordinary. The only real dissent comes from rebel backbenchers on both sides.

When Margaret Thatcher proclaimed that there was no alternative to her 1980s policies, the Opposition disagreed. Whether or not the disagreement was substantive, it was ferocious. Now Labour is reduced to asking for concerted interest-rate cuts throughout Europe - a policy that has nochance of happening — and some fiscal loosening, a necessary but by no means sufficient policy to bring Britain out of recession.

Labour cannot compete with the Conservatives as the party of financial probity. If voters want zero inflation they will vote for Mr Major not Mr Smith, however wellgroomed the latter's City image. But that Labour finds it so hard to sell itself as the party best able to boost Britain out of recession is indeed a historical curiosity. There is no shortage of alternatives to the economic policies of the present government, but Labour can only turn a deaf ear to most of them. So why should Mr Major fear a recall of Parliament when the Opposition is not prepared even to aim an arrow at his Achilles' heel?

HOPE IN AFRICA

Is Africa hopeless? The extent of the public's "compassion fatigue" is about to be tested by yet another appeal to prevent starvation in black Africa. How is it that this vast continent, so fertile in animal, mineral and vegetable resources, has reached such an appalling state as to be dubbed "the Third World of the Third World"?

Unless the public is convinced there is some prospect for self-help in Africa, the private response to such appeals as that made by seven British charities yesterday will be merely dutiful. Governments will feel under no public pressure to be generous with their own help. If Africa's hopes of feeding its people rest entirely on Western good will, the real threat to Africa will be a continent-wide dependency culture lethally exacerbated by Western neglect.

The prospect is not as yet so bleak. Since decolonisation, the World Bank has defined Africa as passing through three stages, each roughly a decade long: modest growth immediately after independence, a decade of stagnation, then a decade of decline. The chronic drought which is impoverishing most of southern Africa and the civil wars in Somalia, Ethiopia, Sudan and Mozambique seem a logical extension of that depressing trend. Yet across the less publicised parts of Africa the story since 1989 is far from depressed, as if the promise of Macmillan's 1960s wind of change had been postponed

until the 1990s. The democratic and capitalist revolutions in Eastern Europe and Latin America have had their impact in Africa too. In 1990 alone, more African states switched to multiparty democracy than in the previous 30 years. Economic policies have also started to move from fantasy to reality, from state control and massive corruption to market freedom and private initiative, so the energies that drove "unofficial economies" and black markets can be legitimised and channelled for the common good. African ministers, public officials and entrepreneurs of the new generation know that it is unacceptable for their continent to live off a permanent dole from the West.

Even the clouds have silver linings. The war in Somalia followed the end of a cruel communist dictatorship, whose collapse in turn followed the end of the Cold war. The world community's duty to feed Somalian refugees may be seen as a price worth paying for that progress. Famine in Mozambique has devastated rebels and regime alike, and driven them into talks to end their civil war. The rebels of Renamo were sponsored by Pretoria in its apartheid days and the Mozambique Marxist government by Moscow. The improved prospects for peace in Mozambique - and with peace, a better hope of overcoming famine - reflect positive political changes around the globe as well as in neighbouring South Africa.

Nonetheless the short term is as brutal as: the long term may be bright. Even allowing for aid-agency hyperbole, the scale of the present disaster dwarfs those of previous years several times over. Some 40 million in 12 countries are to some extent at risk, and a tenth of that number may die - 1.5 million in Somalia alone - unless food can reach them in time. These people are not wholly reliant on Western charity, and not every prediction of mass starvation comes true. But the southern drought is as severe as any this century and too widespread for the traditional remedy for local shortage, nomadism.

The neglect of agricultural incentives in the post-colonial era has rendered the food economies of tropical Africa notoriously precarious. Pouring in food to relieve immediate distress will prolong the pain of adjusting to market economics by the now familiar mechanism of distorting prices and disrupting farm communities. But the drought is now and humanity cannot ignore its consequences. What aid can and must do is ally itself to the wider movement for political and economic reform, a movement that is still Africa's best hope.

MELLOR'S MISSED CHANCE

The government's refusal to back the English Heritage plan to save Pitchford Hall in Shropshire intact with its contents is both sad and odd. Retaining old houses and presenting and interpreting them to the public is a peculiarly British talent. It is rooted in Britain's remarkable stock of buildings in continuous family occupation, complete with the furniture and fittings of centuries. No other nation has so rich an asset. No other asset so enriches a nation whose past is crucial to its future prosperity.

There is no reason why such houses need be taken into public ownership, so long as private citizens are available to maintain full custodianship. There is no substitute in the public sector for the meticulous care of a private owner, nor is there any reason why public money should be spent on houses if private money will do the trick.

However, the experiences of Heveningham and Littlecote indicate the risk of expecting the private sector always to preserve the integrity of important historic buildings. Whatever a new owner's good intentions, his circumstances can change. An estate that might have cross-subsidised a house can be broken up. Contents integral to a building's history and character can be sold and dispersed. Ultimately, the unity of a historic house must be regarded as more important than the form of its ownership.

Pitchford Hall is one of the loveliest Tudor houses in Britain, and is now a casualty of the Lloyd's insurance troubles. The existing owners, who care deeply about its future, are willing to give it free to the nation, provided somebody pays them for the contents to be left in situ. Some £1.8 million is required.

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English Heritage has agreed to accept the house, at least for the time being, and had

negotiated a deal to buy the contents with the National Heritage Memorial Fund. The latter body is specifically charged to help in such last-resort rescues. A new tenant might be found and the house and its contents opened to the public. As at Brodsworth in Yorkshire, here was a good example of ad hoc agencies working together to achieve a commendable goal, halfway between public and private sectors. All were operating within their existing cash limits. The heritage minister, David Mellor, has

used his statutory power to stop the acquisition of Pitchford by English Heritage. He has done so because in his judgment English Heritage has other calls on its resources and Pitchford might be "detrimental of other activities" - money possibly being required for restoration work despite English Heritage having indicated that it was not asking for any more money as a result. A model for low-cost country house rescue has thus been sabotaged by a minister second-guessing a quango on matters that

ought to be within its discretion. Ouite what is on Mr Mellor's mind is unclear. Pitchford is already on the market and Christie's will auction its contents separately later this month. Everybody had expected the English Heritage deal to proceed, to the greater glory of all involved. not least Mr Mellor. As it is, the pictures and furniture that make the house live and breathe are to be dispersed. The house will be sold as the sort of shell depressingly familiar to visitors to old houses elsewhere in Europe. Or is Mr Mellor now more concerned with his reputation at his old home, the Treasury? If so, he has not saved an amount that the denizens of that place would recognise as pocket money.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Achievers, high and low, in schools' A-level league

From the Master of Haileybury

Sir, Most school heads have little enthusiasm for league tables, though I suppose they do provide some mild amusement over the breakfast table, so long as appropriate criteria for comparison are selected. The choice of the average Ucca (Universities Central Council for Admissions) scores, though, is manifestly absurd, depending as it does very significantly on the number of subjects taken by individual candidates.

There are several serious and potentially damaging discrepancies in your league table of August 29, whereby schools with markedly superior A-level performances are rated below others which have entered candidates for a higher number of A or AS-level

A brief illustration from the Haileybury figures demonstrates the point. If I had instructed my 144 Alevel candidates each to take one further A level, and if this had produced one pass and 143 failures, the A to E pass rate would have dropped from 95.4 per cent to 72 per cent, the grades A plus B from 53.6 per cent to 40 per cent, but the Ucca average point score would have in-creased.

If this annual folly is here to stay, I hope that a more sensible criterion will be chosen.

Yours faithfully, DAVID JEWELL, Master, Haileybury, Hertford. September 1.

From the Headmaster of Bootham School, York

Sir. For some undeclared reason you have decided that "top" schools must now be "large" schools -- i.e., those with more than 40 candidates taking exams. Thus the smaller schools are arbitrarily excluded, even though our results are significantly better than those of many of the schools you have chosen to publish.

At Bootham, for example, our students achieved 54.8 per cent at A and B, 20.5 Ucca points per candidate on average and 3.1 passes each. We had 39 candidates this year, a proportion of 14.6 per cent of our 13+ pupils, placing us quite high in a full list.

Smaller schools still provide a full range of subjects at A level. We may well be less selective than larger schools in bigger towns and cities, but we achieve very creditable results in a tough market. Why do you wish to

Limits on new homes

Sir. It is remarkable that in the midst

of the current housing slump the

Council for the Protection of Rural

England should still be campaigning

for a reduction in housing dev-

elopment in the South-East (report,

"Ministers urged to call halt to urban

build-up in South", August 26). The reason why a loss of 1.27 per

cent of total land to urban dev-

elopment means a 10 per cent increase

in the urban area outside London is

because only 12 per cent of the South-

East outside London is currently built

upon. An increase in urbanisation

from 12 to 13 per cent over 20 years

hardly constitutes unspoiled country-

side all over southeast England dis-

The 1980s saw the lowest rate of

appearing under bricks and mortar.

housebuilding since the war, com-

bined with the highest rate of house-

hold formation. It is not surprising

there was a boom in prices and that we

housing shortages and homelessness.

Once it is recognised that environ-

mental preservation does have a cost,

there can at least be a rational debate

now have a housing shortage.

as to the proper balance.

56-60 St John Street, EC1.

Hats off to the chef

Sir, In a pub the other day I ordered

steak and ale pie. It came in two pieces.

One was a dish of stewed steak. The

other was a trilby hat or glengarry of

puff pastry, with a flat bottom, which

A day or so later, in another pub, the

menu included chicken and corn pie,

with puff pastry. I warned a guest

against this. He ordered the pie, but

said he didn't want the pastry. The

harman said: "In that case, it's chicken

Apart from the inedibility of the six-

inch-high pastry, cooked separately

from the alleged pie's contents, a pie is

a pie. A dictionary definition says it is a

"dish of meat, fruit, etc., enclosed in or

Is this two-piece version now univer-

sal in pubs and, if so, isn't the term

"pie" misleading and an offence under

covered with paste and baked".

the Trade Descriptions Act?

The Stone House, Welford Road.

Letters to the editor should carry a

daytime telephone number. They may

071-782 5046.

be sent to a fax number -

Thornby, Northamptonshire.

Yours sincerely,

ROY HERBERT.

was then placed on top of the steak.

From Mr Roy Herbert

and corn casserole."

Yours sincerely, DAVID SAUNDERS

Housing Choice,

(Director).

August 27.

From Mr David Saunders

deny our quality by ignoring our

You say that yours is a list of "top-performing schools". Which, I wonder, is the more creditable "performance": to guide a student with ten A-grade GCSEs to three A levels at grade A or B, or to guide a student with four C-grade GCSEs to three A levels at grade D or E? What price those schools which can do both?

Yours faithfully, IAN SMALL Headmaster, Bootham School, York. August 29.

From the Headmistress of Stratford House School, Bromley

Sir, With all the current emphasis on league tables, where is the publicity for all those thousands of schools, maintained and independent, who do not have large sixth forms or a highly academic intake but nevertheless achieve for their students greater examination success than they ap-peared capable of at the age of 11? A league table for all those schools

who have sixth forms of less than 60 students would, I suspect, produce a higher pass rate than the ones cur-rently being lauded, and a list of schools where all the students gained the qualifications they needed to go on to the further education of their choice would be even more revealing.

"Value added" education (leading article, August 29) is far more difficult to measure, but a much better indication of how "good" a school really is.

Yours faithfully. ANN WILLIAMSON (Chairman, Public and Parliamentary Affairs Committee, Secondary Heads Association). Stratford House School, 8-10 Southborough Road, Bickley, Bromley, Kent. August 29.

From the Headmaster of Northumptonshire Grammar School

Sir, As the headmaster of a recently founded school, I rest in the hope that the evolution of A-level league tables will have stabilised by 1996 when, for the first time, we shall be able to present more than 40 candidates for assessment

Your table is certainly to be preferred to its predecessors, both in terms of its criteria and its simplicity, yet it still hides vital information.

It was surely right to discount the subject general studies in the calcula-

Owen's task in Geneva

Sir, Lord Owen has, I think wisely,

warned us not to expect too much of

the UN-EC peace talks in Geneva

(report, September 1). For the past

vear, despite ceasefire after ceasefire.

the chief obstacle to any progress has

been the repeated renewal of hosplines

in one part or another of what was

once Yugoslavia. And now, following the mildly encouraging London con-

ference, the fighting in Bosnia has

Another obstacle to progress has for

some months now been the European

Community's decision to grant early

recognition to three of the former

republics. By this its members have

managed to weaken their own bar-

gaining position and make any pros-

pect of an overall settlement even

From Sir Fitzroy Maclean

tions, but confusingly wrong to omit information on the number of grades assessed for each school. If the leading school's Ucca score average of 30 is based on three subjects for each candidate, then every pupil scored A-

A-A. If, however, each took four

subjects, then the average score is

equivalent to 22.6 or B-B-C. The simplest aid to clarity might be to include a third column to indicate the average number of subjects taken by each pupil, with AS subjects counting as halves; but the fairest may be to limit the calculations to each candidate's best three grades. Pupils at most schools study three A-level subjects; most university offers are based

on the same number. Yours faithfully. MALCOLM TOZER, Headmaster, Northamptonshire Grammar School, Pitsford Hall. Pitsford, Northampton.

From Mr Mike Travis

August 29.

Sir, As you rightly say in your leading article, your A-level table simply shows an average mark for each school and makes no allowance for the different selection criteria adopted by each school. As with garbage in garbage out, you could say bright kids in bright kids out.

A much more interesting approach would be to develop some system to show the "value added" by each school. To set the ball rolling, I would suggest that the next time you publish the table you at least make some distinction between those schools which have strict academic entry qualifications and those that operate a more comprehensive entry system.

Yours faithfully, MIKE TRAVIS, 4 Elm Lodge, River Gardens, Fulham, SW6. September 1.

From Dr Vyvyan Howard

Sir, Your table shows that only 10 per cent in the first 50 of the "top" 200 schools are mixed, whereas this category comprises no less than 6 per cent of the last 50. Is this of any significance?

Yours faithfully. V. HOWARD, 38 Beresford Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, Mersevside.

While wishing Lord Owen luck in his new task, we should. I feel, pay due tribute to his predecessor. Lord Carrington, who for the past 12 months has, with total commitment and characteristic courage, striven tirelessly to overcome these same obstacles, to establish some kind of communication between the conflicting parties and somehow find a formula which would put an end to the fighting and offer some hope of an

eventual settlement. His task has been an arduous and thankless one. However different in other respects, all Yugoslavs (and I use the term advisedly) have one quality in common, an utter reluctance, once aroused, to give in or compromise.

FITZROY MACLEAN, Strachur House, Strachur, Argyll, September 2.

Court anomalies

remoter than before.

From Mr M. J. Lee and Those who oppose development Mr S. P. Higgins should recognise the human cost in

resumed yet again.

Sir. Mr P. G. Wardle (letter, August 24) questions the "competence and impartiality of local magistrates" in comparing the relative sentences in his case and that of Mr Chris Eubank (report, August 18).

The magistracy can act only under powers conferred by Parliament. The power of magistrates in respect of an offence, like Mr Eubank's, of driving without due care and attention is a maximum fine of £1,000. In respect of non-compliance with a tree-preservation order, such as in Mr Wardle's case, the maximum possible fine is £20,000. Is it therefore unreasonable for magistrates to have a starting point proportionate to the maximum fine and to increase or decrease that amount in view of any possible

Yours faithfully. MARTIN J. LEE. . P. HIGGINS. Huddersfield Magistrates' Court. The Court House, PO Box B37. Civic Centre. Huddersfield. West Yorkshire. August 24.

aggravating features or mitigation?

Treatment costs

Sir. As a consultant gynaecologist, I have a parient who, whilst privately insured, is obliged to pay for all outpatient consultations, investigations and procedures. All in-patient investigations are paid for by the company.

Judges' pay

From Mr Geoffrey Care

Sir, I should like to add my voice to that of Judge Timothy Lawrence ("Part-timers who must be paid more", Law Times, August 4) and Judge Patrick Medd, QC (letter, August 13) regarding the pay of part-time members of the judiciary.

The judiciary in the immigration appellate authority numbers, in both its tiers, over 100 part-time members, some of whom concurrently sit as deputy circuit judges, recorders, coroners and chairmen of other tribunals. We all sit alone.

Without the right calibre of men and women to serve as part-time adjudi-cators this authority simply could not operate. The future, not only of the appellants but of their families, is in the hands of adjudicators and, in claims to asylum, frequently so is their

Yours faithfully, R. G. CARE (Deputy Chief Adjudicator, Immigration Appeals). Immigration Appellate Authority, Thanet House, 231 Strand, WC2. August 21.

From Dr Peter E. Schlesinger

Her condition customarily has been dealt with by in-patient diagnostic operation, but many such cases could be dealt with initially on an out-patient basis. Only a relatively small proportion of patients would require inpatient care thereafter, certainly cutting the total cost to companies and,

ultimately, to their clients. However, the out-patient cost would have been approximately £200, compared with the in-patient charge of £700.

My patient did not wish to pay £200 but the company told me that this was its rule. Thus, she will duly be admitted at a cost of an extra £500 to the company, which of course will be reflected in next year's subscription.

It is not so much consultants' fees which force up costs as the hospital expenses, which make up 80 per cent of all in-patient bills.

Yours faithfully, P. SCHLESINGER, Mount Pleasant House, Wanborough, Wiltshire.

Supply of organs for transplant

From the Director of the Institute of Liver Studies

Sir. The current shortage of organs for transplant patients in Britain would not be so severe if, as Mrs Audrey Watts-Osterlyng writes (letter, August 25), organs could be removed unless the person concerned had recorded an objection during life.
In the UK 30 per cent of potential

donations are lost for transplantation because relatives refuse permission. It is not surprising that the many countries in Europe with "presumed consent" legislation, following on an earlier directive of the Council of Europe, have significantly higher rates of organ donation and transplanta-

I will be putting forward the case in favour of a change in legislation to "presumed consent" at a symposium to be held by the Department of Health on September 21, when ways of improving organ donation are to be

Yours faithfully. ROGER WILLIAMS. Institute of Liver Studies. King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry. Bessemer Road, SE5.

From Mr D. L. Crosby

August 26.

Sir. Mrs Audrey Watts-Osterlyng is probably right: an "opting out" arrangement whereby those not wishing to be post-mortem tissue donors could register accordingly should increase the supply of donor organs for transplantation in this country. It requires the setting up of a comput-erised register which could be consulted on a 24-hour basis when potential donors become available.

However, this misses the point made by the brave Paula Moss (report. August 19) who, at the age of ten. simply told her mother of her wishes in this matter. Perhaps we should all learn a lesson from her example.

Yours faithfully DAVID CROSBY. University Hospital of Wales. Heath Park, Cardiff. August 26.

From Mr John Crawford

Sir, I would suggest that it is not enough to carry a donor card as the question of organ donation is often not broached at the critical time because of a reluctance on the part of doctors to cause additional distress to relatives.

A potential donor must impress upon his next-of-kin that he wishes his organs to be used and that they should raise the question immediately on being told of his death.

Yours faithfully JOHN CRAWFORD, 3 Heath Avenue. Lenzie, Glasgow. September 1.

Economic forecast

From Mr John Cooper

Sir, Professor Paul Ormerod criticises economists for their failure to predict the world recession (British Association meeting report, August 28). This seems unfair to Nicolai Kondraueff. who did predict future trends very well.

Anyone who predicted the present world recession from studies made 60 years earlier deserves respect. Why do economists not use Kondratieff's theory, which predicted, for example, the end of the house price boom in the

He argued that there are 50-year cycles in prices, interest rates and wages, and in business activity. with about 20 years of expansion and inflation, followed, after a decade of ups and downs, by 20 years of deflation and recession.

Kondratieff predicted the slump in the closing years of the 20th century. If the government used his theory it might do a lot better - or is it afraid of telling the truth about the economic prospects? Yours faithfully.

JOHN COOPER. Coopers (Marine Insurance Consultancy). Lime Kiln Quay, Woodbridge, Suffolk August 28.

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Sex discrimination

From Mr Sidney Franks

Sir. In my house the main bedroom is correctly referred to as the master bedroom (Ms Ruth Kendall's letter, September 3) quite simply because that is where the master of the house sleeps.

Notwithstanding 42 years of marriage I am still permitted to sleep with

Yours truly, S. FRANKS. 106 Theobald Street, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire.

From Mr J. Stanley Heath Sir. Would not "mistress bedroom" indicate moral turpitude?

Yours faithfully, J. STANLEY HEATH, 58a Church Street. Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. September 3.

Forthcoming



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE September 3: Today the Prince of Wales visited Aberdeen and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Aberdeen (Councillor Wyness, the Lord Provosti.

This morning His Royal Highness visited BP Exploration at Dyce, Aberdeenshire, to inaugurate the Miller Field.

This afternoon The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust and The Prince's Trust, met young people helped by the Trusts, at Rigblast Group, Dyce. Mr Hugh Merrill was in

Birthdays today

Miss Joan Aiken, novelist, 68: Sir Hubert Bennett, architect. 83: Miss Ann Burdus, marketing and advertising executive, 59: Sir John Charnley, consultant in advanced technology, 70; Sir Michael Day, chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 59: Lord Dormer, 78: Mr Peter Drew, former chairman, Taylor Woodrow, 65: Mrs Ann Dummett, former director of Runnymede Trust, 62; Lord Howell, 69; Sir Nicholas Jackson. organist, 58; Mr Bill Kerwright, theatrical impresario. 47; Mr Dinsdale Landen, actor, 60; Air Ctuef Marshal Sir David Lee. 80; Sir William Mars-Jones, 77; Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, 55; Lord Sandhurst, 72; Mr Torn Watson,

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will visit Burnham Sailing Week Centenary, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, Captain, will attend the centenary dinner at the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club, Brancaster, King's Lynn, at 7.45.

Meeting

Religious Press Group The Ambassador of Israel was the speaker at a meeting of the Religious Press Group, held yesteray at the Reform Club. Sir Sigmund Sternberg, convenor. presided.

Lady Emma Chanter

Lady Emma Chanter gave birth to a son in Somerset on August 21.

Kate Wharton

BIRTHS

BOWLEY - On August 30th 1992, to Carole and Steven, a daughter, Emma Louise. BUDD - On September 2nd, to

Floha inte Graves and Oliver, a son. Thomas William Campbell.

William Campbell. CHANTER - On August 21st 1992, in Somerset, to Emma and Christopher, a son, Tom, GUINNESS - On September 3rd, to Camilla and Josper, a

ord, to Carnini and Japper, a daughter.

HOTCHRISS - On August 22nd, to Gillian (née Fozer) and Andrew, a daughter. Eleanor Sarah.

LETT - On August 31st, at The Portland. to Angela (née Jaques) and Brian. a son, Toby Alexander Hugh, a brother for Julian, Robin and Stephanie.

MACHIDA BORTHWICK

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Humana Hempital Wellington. to Mitto and Anthony
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Colin, a son. Cameron Jack.
a brother for Ross.
ROGERSON - On July 24th
1992. at Epsons District
Hospital to Peta niee
Hansford) and Andrew. as
son. Byrce Andrew. dis
1002. a brother for Sean.
ROONEY - On Friday August

ROONEY - On Friday August 28th 1992 at University College Hospital London, to

Rebecca inée Sunderland and Julian. a daughte Camilla Bridgel.

SEROCOLD - On August 30th, to Cill une Naylori and John, a daughter, Harriel Clare, a sister for Lucy and

TROEN - On September 2nd 1992. to Sall) (nee Grice)

DEATHS

DEANE - On August 29th 1992, Deborah Mary, Gaugh-ter of Malor James and Phyllis Deane and sister of Diana. Funeral at Wootlon Courtenay at 2.30. pm on

DOXFORD - On August 23rd

Courtenay at 2.30, pm on Thursday September 10th.

DOXFORD - On August 23rd 1992, suddenly at the John Radtiffe Hospital, Oxford, Major John Knevett aged 72. Beloved husband of the late wendy, father of Sylvie, Joss Tony and Julian and steplather of Sue. John specially requested a private Funeral which took place on August 28th. Donations in his memory for the RSPCA may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service. 32/34 Paristone Rd, Poole, Dorset, Tel: (0202) 673164

A memorial service for Kate Wharton will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Wednesday, September 23, at noon.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Lord Belstead to be Chairman of the Parole Board, from October 3, in succession to Viscount Colville of Culross, OC.

Sir Michael Pattiser, Chairman of Samuel Montagu, to be President of the China Britain Trade Group (CBTG).

Twyford, to be a Deputy Lieuten-Mr John Anthony Browne to be a provincial stipendiary magistrate for the South Yorkshire commission area, based at Sheffield. with effect from October 19. Mrs Christine Bird to be Chairman of the New Cavendish Club.

Dinner

British Safety Council Mr James Tye, Director General of the British Safety Council, was host at a dinner held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League for the council's presentation of Faculty of Risk Management associateships.

Blacksmiths' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Blacksmiths' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Mr C.C. Bates: Renter Warden, Mr B.J.M. Iles: Third Warden, Mr B.F. Land; Fourth Warden, Mr D.D. Dennis.

Coachmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr A.J.D. Ferguson: Se-

nior Warden. Mr P.C.K. O'Ferrall; Renter Warden, Mr A.R. Maidens, Junior Warden, Mr P.G. Sparks.

Royal designation Gaeldom's annual festival of music

and drama will in future be known as the Royal National Mod. The Queen has approved the designation in recognition of the work done by An Comunn Gaidhealach (The Gaelic Association) over the past 100 years. It will take effect from this year's event, which is to be held in Oban

Last night, Mr Donald MacRitchie, An Comunn's president said: "We are delig accept this honour which is in appreciation for all the voluntary work done since 1892."

Then, the very first Mod, also at Oban, lasted for a few hours. But this year, it will be spread over a week. Nearly 1,000 singers, actors and musicians have entered the 139 competitions.

EDWARDS - On August 30th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Captain Thomas Law-rence Edwards B.E.M., aged

72 years, Funeral Service to lake place at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on Thurs-day September 10th at 11 am. Flowers welcome, dona-tions if desired to The Royal National Institute For The

lious u want to the National Institute For The Blind. Any emouries to Lines Bannister & Co., 69 High St. Ascot. Berks. Tet 0344 20266

GODWIN-WILLIAMS - On Thursday September 3rd. pearefully. Enid Marjorle Godwin-Williams. Bardones de Llano. Funeral privalo. Flowers to Hunnaball Ltd. York House. 41 Mersea Road. Colchesier. Essex.

HAYGARTH On August 31st. Richard Nigel of Wimbledon aged 60. After long times bravely borne. Younger son of the late Cecil and Edna and brother of John. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex. Crentalorium. Crawley on Tuesday September 8th at 11.30 am. Enguires to Freeman Brothers. Horsham Tel: Q403 54590

JACKSON - On August 29th studenty in hospital. After aged 72, dearly loved sister of histograms and Judith and much loved Aunt and Great Aunt. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday September 9th at 2 pm. Flowers c/o. Putney Co-Operative Funeral Service, 100 Brighton Road, Purley. CNS 4DA.

NIVEN - On September 2nd 1992, peacefully at home at Harare. Zimbabwe, Mary Niven, widow of the late Charles Niven and dearly loved mother of Rosemary. Cecity, Norma and Phillipa. grandmother - and great

Charles Niven and dearly loved mother of Rosemary. Cecity, Norma and Phillipa. grandmother - and great grandmother - and great grandmother.

OLIVER - On September 3rd. at peace after a lone illness, at Buttleigh Hospital. Clastonbury Ruth Lindsay, aged 34. dear daughter of Martin and Lindsay and sister of Andrew Cremation at Taunton on Wednesday September 9th at 1 pm. Fanuly flowers only please.

sister of Andrew Cremation at Taunton on Wednesday September 9th at 1 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations for Friends of The Royal London Hospital, or Friends of Bulletgh Hospital to G. Holland & Son. 62 Vestry Rd. Street.

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Anniversaries

(THS: Francis Kene, Vicom de Chateaubriand, politician and writer, St Malo, 1768: Anton Bruckner, composer, Ansfelden, Austria, 1824; Darius Milhaud, composer, Atx-en-Provence, 1892. DEATHS: Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, favourite of Elizabeth I, Combury, Oxon, 1588; James Wyart, architect, Marlborough,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TANSLEY - On September 1st 1992. Sir Eric Crawford C.M.G. aged 91. much loved husband of 1ris. and loved father of Jane and John, grandfather of Mark, Guy and Lucinda and great grandfather. Private family funeral

WARDLE - On September 2nd 1992, Dr. Christopher John M.D., FRCPaych, of Clyst Hydon, Devon, Funeral Service Clyst Hydon Parish Church at 2 pm Tuesday September 8th 1992.

ZWAR - On September 2nd.
peacefully after a long illness, Diana, aged 74 years,
Much loved widow of
Charles, mother of MaryJane and devoted granny of
Emity and Catherine, Service
at The Memorial Chapel,
Oxford Crematorium on

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Dated the 1st day
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C. KENNY, Director

Crematorium on September 7th at n. No Gowers please.

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(b) A violent, overbearing, turbulent, brawling, quarrelsome woman, a virago, shrew, vixen, name of an imaginary violent deity held in medieval Christendom to be worshipped by Muslims: "A vulgar termagant who would call her husband an idiot aload before a dimer-table."

(b) Strongly trilled, snarling, from the present participle of the Latin kirrue to snarl: "In the hirrients and the gutturals, the burn and roughness of

(a) A Hungarian gypsy, also spelt trigan and other variants, from the Slovenian cigan: "The finest-looking people of Europe are the Criganies, or gypsies of Hungary."

(a) A little handful or a big pinch, as much as can be taken up between the thumb and the next two (or

sometimes three) fingers, from the Latin sugars a fist: "The old gentleman opened his sauff-box and

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Patrick J. Gaylog, Director.

School news

Brentwood School The Michaelmas Term begins today. Magnus Guthrie-Brown becomes Head Boy and Jane Steggles becomes Head Girl An Open Meeting for Prospective Parents will be held in the Courage Hall on Saturday, October 10. Half-term begins on October 16, and ends on November 1.

The German Exchange Orchestral Concert will take place in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on November 2. Old Brentwoods Day will be on November 7. The Winter Theatricals production — Hamlet — will be held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm from December 10 to December 12.

The Remembrance Day Service will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on November 11, at 10.30am. The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols takes place in St Thomas' Church at 6.30pm on December 13. Term ends on December 18.

Queenswood School

The Autumn Term at Queenswood School begins on Sunday, September 6, with Fiona Gilmour as Head Cirl and Sophie Burden as Deputy Head Girl. Commemoration Day is on Friday, October 23 and the guest speaker will be Lord Parkins

There will be a "Country Fayre Family Fun Day" on Saturday, September 26, from 11.00am to 5.00nm. Please contact the school for further information. The Caro Service for Governors and Old Saturday, December 12, in the school Chapel. There will be Old Oueenswoodian hockey matches at 11.00am that morning.

The Lady Eleanor Holles School.

Carol Service is at 2.30pm on

December 11 and the Christmas

Concert on December 16, at

7.30pm. Term ends on December

The Michaelmas Term starts to-

day and ends on December 14. Half Term will be October 17-25,

and the School Play is Oh, What a Lovely War! on November 18-21.

Wolverhampton
Mrs Maureen Hicks, formerly
MP for Wolverhampton North
East, is to be an honorary fellow of

Charlotte Mason College.

Ambleside, Cumbria, has become

the Lake District campus of Lan-caster University. The Victorian college of education is now the

university's new faculty of teacher education and training.

Robert Bly's bestseller Iron

John. They go on "wild man"

weekends, building fires and

getting in touch with their

emotions through group

Mr McCloughry, who lives

with his wife and three child-

exercises.

the university's business school.

University news

Rydal School

Hampton, Middlesex Full term began on Thursday, September 3, with 823 girls in the school. The Head Girl is Sara Hamilton and her deputy is Sian Cosgrove, of Edinburgh. Davies. The new sixth form library and classroom block and the new M S.B.T. Lafosse und Miss G.C. Harrison termis and netball courts will be in use. The Half Term holiday is from Monday, October 19, to Friday, October 30, inclusive fol-lowed by three performances of The Crucible on November 5, 6

Averbam Park, Newark. and 7. Prizegiving and the formal opening of the new Library will be Mr T.J. Leach and Miss LA. Okill in the afternoon of November 24, when the guest will be Lord Palumbo. The Junior Department

Mr E.G. Michell and Miss P.L. Ikin

marriages

Ikin, of Swaffham, Norfolk Mr M.G.F. Reid and Miss L.M. Jackson The engagement is announced between Max Reid, of Orchard House, Lower Hayton, Ludlow.

between Simon, son of Brigadier and Mrs Christopher Burson, of Andover, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Head, of Harston, Cambridgeshire. Dr R.W.B. Sells and Miss B.L. Ains The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs James Butcher, of Hookwood House, Limpsfield, Surrey, and Lucinda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Allison, of The Manor House, Barrasford, Hexham. and Miss A.P. Leeson

Mr G.B. Cameron and Miss R.G. Mathieson Both families are delighted to announce the engagement of Rosie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Mathieson, of Cramond. Edinburgh, and Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs Alistair Cameron, of Newton Mearns, Glasgow.

Mr G.E. Bruce-Smythe and Miss K.J. Penrose

Lancashire.

Mr S.G. Burson

Mr J.D.E. Butche

and Miss L.B. Allison

and Miss S.E. Head

The engagement is announced between Gavin, younger son of the late Mr David Bruce-Smythe and

of Mrs Bruce-Smythe, of Acton

Burnell Park, Shropshire, and Katrina, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Jack Penrose, of Overson Hall,

The engagement is announced

Mr P.G. Crane and Miss J.A. Baker The engagement is announced between Peter Gerald, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Crane, of Hustiwaite, Yorkshire, and Jane Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Baker, of Groombridge, East

Mr G.S. Dakton and Miss J.C. Wilson The engagement is announced between Gregory, son of Mr Edward Dalton, of Sydney, NSW, and Mrs Pamela Wakefield, of Brisbane, Queensland, and Jane. elder daughter of Mr Douglas Wilson and the late Mrs Penelope Wilson, of Alton, Hampshire. Mr K. El-Lahham

The engagement is announced between Karim, younger son of the late M Hisham El-Lahham, of Damascus, and Mme Safia El-Wakil, of Cairo, and Mariella, younger daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Scott, of Foscote, Buckingham.

Mr DJR. Hoare and Miss C.J. Lawrence The engagement is announced between Dominick, son of Mr John Hoare and the late Mrs John Dymoke White, and Clare, daughter of Mrs Douglas Lawrence and the late Mr Douglas

Mr M.A.E. Jolly and Miss A.M. Fox The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs M.E. Jolly, of Severn Stoke, Worcestershire, and Alexandra,

dairenter of Mr and Mrs N.T. Fox of Smeeton Westerby. and Miss J.A. Coserove The engagement is announced

between Joel, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Korn, of Birmingham, and Abigail (Abby), daughter of Mr and Mrs John

The engagement is announced between Stephane, youngest son of M and Mme Pierre Lafosse, of Paris, and Geves, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Harrison, of

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Timothy, son of Mrs J.P. Leach and the late Mr Will, J. Leach, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Lyanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Okill, of Mundesley, Norfolk. The engagement is announced

between Eric, only son of Mrs Mary Michell, of the Coach House, Marlow and Mr Brian Michell, of Berry Close. Cambridge, and Pamela elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek

Shropshire, only son of the late Mr and Mrs Michael Reid, of Rowson, Shropshire, and Lucy. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Jackson, of Charity Hall, Fowlmere, Cambridgeshire.

R. Sells, of Liverpool and Mrs E. Mansfield, of Coldharbour, Surrey, and Bridgette, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Ainscow, of Torquay.

The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Truman, of Worth, Sussex, and Alison, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs J. Leeson, of Pens Wood, Kent.

Mr J.I. Wayne and Miss T.G. Dunsky The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Wayne, of Hampstead, London, and Tara, daughter of Dr and Mrs Irvin Drycky of Cincinnati Ohio. Durisky, of Cincinnati. Ohio.

Marriages

The Duke of Rosburghe and Miss V.M. Wynn-Willia A service of blessing was held yesterday at Christ Church. Chelsea, after the marriage of the Duke of Roxburghe to Miss Virginia Wynn-Williams. daughter of Mr David Wynn-Williams and of Mrs Christopher

Mr A.J.S. Batho and Dr A. Mehta The marriage took place on August 29, 1992, at Kings College Chapel, Aberdeen, between Alexander (Sandy) Batho and Angeli Mehta.

Mr M.B. Gerrard and Miss J.A. Fearon
The marriage took place on
August 29, at St Gabriel's Church,
Pimlico, of Michael, son of Mr
and Mrs R.T. Gerrard, of Epsom,

Surrey, to Janet, daughter of the late Mr E.M. Fearon and of Mrs H.A. Fearon, of Banbridge. County Down. and Miss G.S.T. Fairchild

A private service of blessing was held on Thursday, August 27, at St Jude's, Courtfield Gardens, London, after the marriage at Chelsea Register Office of Richard James, son of the late Mr and Mrs Robert Treen, of West Childington. Sussex to Gillian Sabine Teresa. only daughter of Mrs Teresa Fairchild, of Parson's Green. London. Fairchild. and Mr William

later date.

Mr P.H. Wolton and Miss J.E. Pavec

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 1, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Brent Pelham, of Mr Peter Wolton, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Wolton, of Little Saxham, Suffolk, to Miss Joanna Payne, elder daughter of Mr Gilmour Payne, of Holford, Somerset, and Mrs Charles Barday, of Brent Pelham, Hertfordshire. The Rev Gerald Drew officiated, assisted by Father John Vine. The bride, who was given away

by her father, was attended by Kate Madocks Wright, Eleanor Sier, Georgina Budgett, Claire Floyd, Camellia Buckmaster, Oliver Woods and Benjamin Barclay, Mr Michael Spriggs was best man. A reception was held at Brent Pelham Hall and the honeymoon

was spent in Madeira and Ponugal.

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Mesolithic find on Orkney

sites on Orkney have been found to be mesolithic, dating back to before the later years of the Stone Age, it was disclosed for the first time this week (Kerry Gill writes).
The discoveries were made by
Caroline Wickham-Jones, an Edinburgh archaeologist, under

the auspices of the Northern Studies Centre. As part of her work, she went on to study the coast of Caithness and north-west Sutherland for more, possibly mesolithic sites, a time that fell between the palaeolithic and neo-lithic periods.

Although there were none in Caithness, in Sutherland she found a previously unknown ite, evidence that there were people within sight of Orkney several thousand years before the first neolithic senters reached the islands. Professor Derek Roberts. of Newcastle University, disclosed at the British Association for the Advancement of Science that among Orcadians there was a high incidence of blood-group B. comparatively rare elsewhere in the UK, indicating that the people of Orkney appeared to be an outpost of an ancient population.

Male challenge

Step forward Christian man, author urges

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

in social theology at St John's College, Nottingham, said AFTER New Man and Wild Man, comes Christian man, according to Roy Mcsome men began to question Cloughry, an author and sotheir masculinity in response cial researcher. In a book to be to feminism. Many became "new men", sharing the housework, caring and breadpublished later this month he argues that men in the Church winning with their female of England have dwelled on the debate over women priests partners. and neglected their changing More recently, others have embraced the "wild man"

role as men. "There has been no discussion of why men in the church have reacted as defensively as they have done to the issue of women in leadership," he

"We have been holding workshops on things like Marxism and humanism for years. Masculinity is one of the last world views to be opened up to discussion."

ren in Nottingham, said that although new men are generally nice men, the concept can Mr McCloughry, a lecturer be an unwelcome imposition

on men not naturally inclined to feminine virtues. The danger of wild man, new man's antithesis, is that he polarises the differences between men and women.

"Many men are beginning to feel trapped by the views they have taken on board about masculinity. Christianity says men and women share concept, based on US author a common humanity but are different.

"Many men have an image they project to the world, to do with jobs, status and cars.

"Jesus had to be a man because if a woman had washed the dirty feet of the disciples, nobody would have noticed. Only men had power, so Jesus is the man who gave up power. That is why he is significant for us today."He

added: "Men are tyrannised by modern masculinity and they need to be freed to be themselves and to enjoy life as they were meant to."

He began his research. funded by the Kingdom Trust, a Christian consultancy, after attempting to buy a book on men in a local bookshop. The assistant directed him to wom-

en's studies and humour. Prompted to write the book he was looking for, Men and Masculinity, published later this month by Hodder & Stoughton, Mr McCloughry drew on his experience as a member of a men's group which met first in a pub.

"Christianity sets men free to be themselves. There is a great deal to celebrate in being 2 man."

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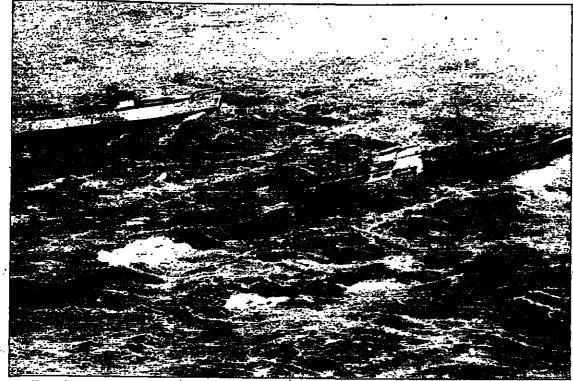
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HAROLD HARVEY



Peril on the sea: the stricken Greek freighter Nafsiporos, left, helped by the Russian ship Kunkurley

Harold Harvey, a lifeboat inspector whose bravery in the rescue of crew from a stricken Greek freighter off the Welsh coast in 1966 won him a gold medal, died on August 23 aged 71. He was born on September 17, 1920.

HAROLD Harvey's courage and initiative won him the unusual honour of the RNLI's gold medal for gallantry. The distinction is so rare that it has been conferred only nine times since the end of the second world war. The service for which Harvey earned his resulted in the award of two of those nine gold medals. It was for the rescue of the crew of the Greek motor vessel

Nafsiporos. The Nafsiporos was reported in difficulties in the Irish Sea on the morning of December 2, 1966. Harold Harvey, the inspector of lifeboats for the north-west, happened to be in Holyhead when the report came through. With the be made to reconnect the tow. The

agreement of the crew, he joined the Holyhead lifeboat whose coxswain was Thomas Alcock. A severe northwesterly gale, force 10, was blowing and gusting to force 11. Because of flying spindrift visibility was down to 500 yards.

Two other lifeboats, those stationed at Douglas in the Isle of Man, and Moelfre in Anglesey, were also called out. When the Holyhead and Moelfre lifeboats approached the Nafsiporos she was seen to roll up to 35 degrees either side of the vertical. She was pitching so much that her forefoot bilge keels and propellor were, in turn, clear of the water. She could not be brought up into the wind. A Russian timber vessel, the Kunkurley, managed to get a towline aboard her but, because of the tremendous strength of the wind and the sea conditions, attempts to bring the Nafsiporos head to wind were unsuccessful and the tow parted.

By this time there was no longer enough sea room for any attempt to Nafsiporos scraped close past the Ethel Rock Buoy and dropped her port anchor, but it failed to hold. She continued to drag until she fetched up less than a quarter of a mile from the rocks. Here the depth of the water was only about six fathoms.

While waiting for the Nafsiporos to be brought up to her anchor the Holyhead lifeboat had been hove to less than a quarter of a mile off her port quarter. Coxswain Alcock, in command of the Holyhead lifeboat, brought her round the stern. The Nafsiporos then gave an extreme roll to starboard. Her counter crashed heavily on the port quarter of the lifeboat causing considerable damage. Coxswain Alcock had to go full ahead and hard to starboard to avoid any further damage.

The starboard boat of the Nafsiporos was hanging vertically from the after davit and the jumping ladder, down which the crew would have to come, was only about half a boat's length abaft the hanging boat. At this stage Coxswain Alcock asked



Harold Harvey to take command, a decision which was stated in the official report to demand both physical and moral courage on his part.

Late in the afternoon Harold

Harvey shaped up for the final run in. Four survivors were taken aboard. Then, just after the fifth survivor had followed them, the falls of the ship's boat parted and the boat came crashing down. Harvey, forseeing this danger, had kept the lifeboar's engines astern and they were put at full throttle. The alarm was shouted and the men on the deck of the lifeboat just managed to jump aft before the ship's boat crashed down

on the deck. The ten other members of the Nafsiporos's crew were rescued by the Moelfre lifeboat in an equally hazardous operation for which Coxswain Richard Evans was also awarded the RNLI's gold medal. The Nafsiporos was eventually towed to

safety by the Dutch tug Utrecht. Harold Harvey was in the service of the RNLI from 1952 to 1973. He had earlier served as an observer in the Fleet Air Arm where he saw service on Russian convoys and in the Mediterranean.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, by his daughters, Imogen and Madelaine, and by a son, Mark.

JAMES VENUS

James Venus shipbuilder, died on August 21 after a short illness in the London Clinic aged 71. He was born in October 1920.

JAMES Venus created what

was then the world's largest fully-enclosed shipyard, which helped bring about a revolution in shipbuilding. Until he left British Shipbuilders a few years ago, on grounds of ill health. Venus was chairman and managing director of Sunderland Shipbuilders. within the Government-operated British Shipbuilders; he also headed Appledore Ship-builders in North Devon. The Pallion yard in Sunderland and the smaller Appledore shipyard both have shipyards which were designed, built and controlled by Venus for under-cover all-weather construction. The steel supplies entered at one end, the shin with the completed hull and all machinery installed emerging from the other. This is a policy since adopted by many shipyards but the Pallion yard was then the world's largest fully-enclosed yard, based on Venus's earlier concept adopted for Appledore.

Born and educated in Newcastle-on-Tyne, he was apprenticed in the Hebburn-

on-Tyne yard of Hawthorn Leslie, builders of cargo liners, passenger ships and warships. While at Hawthorn Leslie, he received a City & Guilds silver medal and the Duke of Northumberland prize for naval architecture from Rutherford College On leaving Hawthorn Leslie he served in the Ministry of Transport as a surveyor, then in London for the Aluminium Development Association. Subsequently Venus became a founding partner of the consultant naval architects, Burness, Corlett & Partners.

However, on leaving Burness, Kendall (now Burness, Corlett & Partners). Venus set up Seawork Ltd. for the building of small ships in Appledore and at a smaller shipyard in Gateshead-on-Tyne, at Friars Goose, on the River Tyne. The Appledore and Tyneside yards duly built a successful range of small ships — steel fishing vessels. the first stern trawlers, coastal cargo ships, dredgers and, under cover in Appledore, a series of minesweepers for Nato navies.

However, Venus's outlook and prospects changed substantially when his small shipbuilding interests were acquired by the shipowners, Court Line, which elected him to the group's board, with responsibilities for shipbuilding. It was not long before his plans were adopted for a completely new concept in shipbuilding at Appledore: a totally enclosed "ship factory" capable of constructing in a wide dock two 10,000 ton ships simultaneously, side-byside. Such a shipyard was eventually built on a green

field site in Appledore for an investment of about £4 million. The new yard was opened officially in 1970 and was soon proving its worth with quicker deliveries because work could proceed uninterrupted by bad weather while workmanship was also of a higher standard.

The success of the Appledore shipyard led to Court Line backing Venus's proposal for the acquisition of the Doxford & Sunderland Shipbuilding and Engineering Group run for many decades by the Thompson. Laing and Marr families, but then in financial difficulties. So a team led by Venus took over the three shipyards on the River Wear — the Pallion, Deptford and the larger North Sands yards -- also ship repair yards on the River Wear and Tyne, the thriving Doxford engine works with licencees world-wide and several other companies making ships' machinery and equipment. A £23 million investment scheme was put in hand to raze the old Pallion yard with six buildings berths and build in its place the then world's largest enclosed ship factory and modernise also the other two shipbuilding yards. But steel throughput rarely

met the target figures set by Venus because of labour disputes which affected ship and engine production and costs. Eventually Sunderland Ship-



builders was denationalised, due partly to the EC dictates against continued financial aid. Before this Venus, having survived a coronary operation, had gone into semi-retirement, spending more of his time at the Appledore shipyard. Later he advised shipcontracts for sand and gravel dredgers and other vessels. even larger bulk carriers.

The marine industries have lost a powerful leader. Jim Venus was a very positive shipbuilder: he could be hard in business, especially with incompetents — a sign of his own exceptional abilities and eager achievement.

Venus is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

GEORGE MONGER

George William Monger, civil servant and historian, died in Barnet on September 1 aged 55. He was born on April 1,

GEORGE Monger was by instinct and education an historian who, when young. wrote a well-known and extremely good book about British foreign policy - The End of Isolation 1900-1907 - for which he was awarded the Alexander Prize of the Royal Historical Society, and then

spent the rest of his life as a civil servant. He was educated at Holloway School, Islington, and Jesus College, Cambridge, where he took firsts in both parts of the historical tripos. After writing a PhD under the supervision of Professor Sir Harry Hinsley. which formed the basis for his book, he failed to get a fellowship and entered the administrative class of the civil

service in 1961. As a civil servant Monger had all the qualities that he had had as an historian hard-mindedness, the ability to master complicated material and an enviable capacity for presenting the problems involved in a lucid and powerful prose, along with high qualities of judgment and practical

effectiveness. His progress was rapid. He became a principal in 1965. an assistant secretary in 1972. and an under-secretary in 1976 at the unusually early age of 39. Throughout his career he served in intellectual-

ly demanding posts at the centre of government. He became an expert on energy. social-security and fiscal policy and, from 1987 to 1990, was a member of the Cabinet Office secretariat. After returning to the Treasury in 1991, he was diagnosed as having cancer and was on sick leave pending retirement at the time of his death.

Monger had an extraordinary intellectual energy which enabled him to establish a high reputation at an early age. At the same time he was a very private person, even, perhaps, a loner. His intellectual energy was not cushioned by flexibility or clubbability, and it is certain that this made the latter part of his career less striking than the earlier. Even when most successful as a civil servant he had hankerings after academe and took unsuccessful steps to give effect to them. When illness struck, he had been considering retiring early in order to resume work as an historian and there can be little doubt that, had he done so, he would have produced highly distinguished work. However, it is as a norable civil servant that he

will be remembered primarily. Monger was an honourable and extraordinarily hardworking man whose enthusiasm for clarity was indestructible and whose initial socialist belief in government was slowly eroded by experience. He was unmarried, lived for most of his life with his parents, and was a conscientious son who is survived by his mother.

COLONEL T. E. FIELD

Colonel Thomas Eglinton Field, MBE, FRCPath, former director of the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service, died at home in Beifast on July 24 aged 76. He was born on September 24, 1915.

"TOFFIE" Field remained unperturbed by the death threats he received while director of the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service, a post he held from 969 to 1980.

Prominent figures with a military background lead an unquiet life in Northern Ireland, and the threats made against Field were many. He was not intimidated by these nor by road blocks set up by paramilitaries. During the Ulster Workers' strike of 1974, Field, instead of turning back at a road block, jumped from his car and addressed the throng, saying: "I need you, you and you, to come and give blood." The crowd melted away.

Field rapidly transformed the service

and, for his contributions to the Blood Transfusion Services in the United Kingdom, he was presented with the Oliver Memorial Award in 1979.

Field was educated at Campbell College, Belfast, the source of many distinguished officers of the armed forces. He was head prefect, and captain of rugby and cricket, and captain of the Ulster Schoolboys rugby team. He graduated from Queen's University

of Belfast in 1939 and, upon the declaration of war, volunteered for military service. He was in North Africa with the Field Ambulance that supported the Guards Brigade in the 6th Armoured Division. He was involved throughout the Italian campaign. During the bitter, bloody battles for Monte Cassino, he commanded a field ambulance supporting the assault troops. He was mentioned in dispatches and was appointed MBE in June 1945.

At the end of the war in Europe he had the misfortune to witness the forcible



hand-over of Cossacks with their women and children to the forces of Stalin. For one with a deep sense of honour, this experience was distressing and remained a source of disquiet for the rest of his life.

In 1945 he accepted a regular commission in the RAMC. Rapidly promoted, he was commanding officer of 83 General Hospital in 1946. He then specialised in pathology and, within this discipline, ably combined the skills of clinician, researcher and lecturer.

In addition to his many campaign medals, he was awarded several for academic achievement: the Montefiore medal and prize in military surgery (1950), the Katherine Webb medal and prize in tropical medicine (1950), the Alexander memorial medal and prize (1958) and the Leishman memorial

medal and prize (1964) for his significant contribution to typhoid vaccine development.

In 1953 he was involved in monitoring radiation fall-out during the atomic bomb tests at Woomera, Australia. He later directed army laboratories in Germany and Singapore and the David Bruce Laboratories in Wiltshire. In 1964 he was appointed professor of pathology at the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank. After the death of his first wife, Madge, he decided to relinquish his service career and return to Northern Ireland with his four children.

In 1965 he succeeded Brigadier Thomas Davidson as medical superintendent of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, The members of the consultant staff, like those of any great teaching hospital, had strong and varied personalities, but Field had the respect and affection of them all. He combined quiet, seemingly effortless authority with a natural charm that disarmed any opposition.

Although an imposing figure, he was the particular friend of the most junior members of medical staff, the sometimes unruly housemen, and this friendship was reciprocated.

Gregarious in nature, he was a remarkable raconteur. He had innumerable friends, local, national and international and his generosity was renowned. He had a lifelong interest in sport, and had been looking forward to watching the Fourth Test against Pakistan on television the day before he died. He played firstclass golf until he was no longer able to maintain his own high standard. As a young man, he had excelled at rugby, football, tennis and cricket. He was also a fine snooker player, an excellent bridge

player and a "mean" poker player. Field was one of nature's gentlemen. emanating kindness, courtesy and humour. Above all else, he was a family man. He had two very happy marriages. He is survived by his second wife, Moyna, one son and three daughters.

SEPT 4 ON THIS DAY

War with Germany broke out at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, September 3, and 15 minutes later the Prime Minister broadcast to the nation from No 10 Downing street. The national papers printed his speech in full the following day. Mr Neville Chamberlain said:

> AT WAR WITH GERMANY

I am speaking to you from the Cabinet Room at 10, Downing Street.

This morning the British Ambassador in Berlin handed the German Government a final Note stating that, unless we heard from them by 11 o'clock that they were prepared at once to withdraw their troops from Poland, a state of war would exist

f have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been re-ceived, and that consequently this country is at war with Germany. You can imagine what a bitter blow it is to me that all my long struggle to win peace has failed. Yet I cannot believe that there is anything more or anything different that I could have done and that would have

been more successful.

HITLER'S FORCE POLICY Up to the very last it would have been quite possible to have arranged a peaceful and honourable settlement between Germany and Poland, but Hitler would not have it. He had evidently made up his mind to attack Poland whatever happened and although he now says he put forward reasonable proposals which were rejected by the

statement The proposals were never shown to the Poles, nor to us, and, though they were announced in a German broadcast on Thursday night, Hitler did not wait to hear comments on cross the Polish frontier. His ction shows convincingly that there is no chance of expecting that this man will ever give up his practice of using force to gain his vill. He can only be stopped by

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force. We and France are to-day, in fulfilment of our obligations, going to the aid of Poland, who is so bravely resisting this wicked and unprovoked attack on her people. We have a clear conscience. We have done all that any country could do to establish peace. The situation in which no word given by Germany's ruler could be trusted and no people or country could feel themselves safe has become intolerable. And now that we have resolved to finish it. I know that you will all play your part with calmness and

courage.
At such a moment as this the assurances of support that we have received from the Empire are a source of profound encouragement to us.

RIGHT WILL PREVAIL When I have finished speaking certain detailed announceits will be made on behalf of the Government. Give these your closest attention. The Government have made plans under which it will be possible to carry on the work of the nation in the days of stress and strain that may be ahead. But these plans need

your help. You may be taking your part in the fighting services or as a olunteer in one of the branches of Civil Defence. If so you will report for duty in accordance with the instructions you have received. You may be engaged in work essential to the prosecution of war for the maintenance of the life of the people - in factories, in transport, in public utility concerns, or in the supply of other necessaries of life. If so, it is of

carry on with your jobs.

Now may God bless you all. May He defend the right. It is the evil things that we shall be fighting against - brute force, bad faith, injustice, oppression and persecution --- and against them I am certain that the right

vital importance that you should

Church news

Appointments The Rev Michael Coldough. Team Rector of Uxbridge and Area Dean of Hillingdon (London)is to be Archdeacon of Northolt, succeeding the Ven Eddie Shirras who is moving to a parish in Win-

chester Diocese. The Rev John Barnes, Vicar, St Peter's, Rawdon (Bradford): to be Rector, Armthorpe St Leonard and St Mary

(Sheffield). The Rev Robert Cook, Vicar. Haltwhistle and Greenhead and Rural Dean of Hexham (Newcastle): to be also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle

The Rev Michael Eden. Team Vicar, Northampton Emmanuel: to be Vicar. Corby St Columba and the Northern

Saints (Peterborough). The Rev George Glover, Curate, Sherburn w Pittington: to be Priest-in-Charge, Trimdon Station, St Alban and St Paul

(Durham). The Rev David Goodacre.

to be also an Honorary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral. The Rev Peter Graysmith, Assistant Curate, Cannock Team: to be Team Vicar, St John's Heath Hayes, Cannock

(Lichfield). The Rev Thomas Harper. Team Vicar, Bellingham and Corsenside, in the North Tyne and Redesdale Team Ministry: to be Team Rector, North Tyne and Redesdale Team Ministry (Newcastle).

The Rev Noel Hector, Curate, St Mary, Rodbourne Cheney: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary, Redcliffe (Bristol). The Rev lan Hunter-Smart. Team Vicar, Jarrow Team Ministry: 10 be Chaplain to the

University of Sunderland, and Team Vicar in the Sunderland Team Ministry (Durham). The Rev Canon Anthony Johnson, Rector, East Knoyle,

Semley and Sedgehill (Salisbury): to be appointed a Canon Emeritus of Salisbury Cathedral on retirement. The Rev Brian Johnson, Hon

Paul w St Saviour, Herne Hill (Southwark). The Rev Geoffrey Miller, Urban Development Adviser, diocese Durham: to be also Town Centre Community Chaplain, Stockton, same

diocese. The Rev Ross Moughtin, Vicar, Thornham w Gravel Hole (Manchester): to be Vicar. Christ Church, Aughton

(Liverpool). The Rev Michael Nelson, Vicar, St Mary, Blyth and Rural Dean of Bedlington: to be Rector. Hexham (Newcastle).

The Rev John Patterson, Diocesan Adviser in Pastoral Care and Counselling, and Assistant Curate, St Anne, Aighurth (Liverpool): to be Vicar, All Saints, Great Crosby, same diocese.

The Rev Terry Pinner, Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Winchester): to be also Priestin-Charge, Old Alresford and Bighton, and Chaplain to Old Alresford Place, same diocese. Curate. St Barnabas, Dul- The Rev Gillian Pocock, Dea-Vicar, Ovingham (Newcastle): wich: to be Hon Curate, St con of Esh, in plurality w

Hamsteels: to be Deacon-in-Charge, Esh, in plurality with Hamsteels (Durham). The Rev John Reakes-Williams, Vicar, Oswestry Holy Trinity (Lichfield): to be Chaplain, Missions to Seamen,

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago (Church of the Province of the West Indies). The Rev John Robinson, to be Curate, Holy Trinity, Dalton, Rotherham (Sheffield). The Rev Michael St John-

Channell, Rector, Cranford: to be Vicar, Staines, St Mary and St Peter (London). The Rev Kevin Tones, Curate, St Peter's, Warmsworth: to be

Curate of Thorne. Doncaster (Sheffield). The Rev Anne Thomas, Parish Deacon, The Lydiards, Swindon (Bristol): to be Assistant Curate with responsibility for Woodgate Valley Local Ecumenical Project, St

Michael, Bartley Green

(Birmingham). The Rev Jeffery Waring, Team Vicar, Eccles (Manchester): to be Priest-in-charge, Hamworthy (Salisbury).

The Rev Edward Wilkinson, Curate, Bishopwearmouth St Nicholas to be Priest-in-Charge, Newbottle (Durham). The Rev Bridget Woollard, recently Director of Pastoral Studies, Queen's College Birmingham: to be Telford Churches' Officer for Industry and Commerce (Lichfield). Resignations and retirements The Ven William Thomas,

Archdeacon of Northumberland, diocese Newcastle, is to retire as from December 19. The Rev Canon Peter Heath. Vicar of Glossop and Honorary Canon, Derby Cathedral: to retire as from October 18 and to be Canon Emeritus on his retirement.

The Rev Brian Nash. Team Vicar, Bucknall w Bagnall Team (Lichfield): to retire as from October 31. Captain Ross Northing,

Church Army, Parish Evangelist, Christ the Carpenter, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough (Peterborough): to resign as from September 30 and commence training for the priesthood.

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Latest wills

Professor Peter John Murray, of Farnborough, Warwickshire, professor of the history of art, Birkbeck College, London University, left estate valued at £297,199 net.

Mr Stephen Michael Harding

Oliver, of South Kensington,

London, composer, left estate val-ued at £141,954 net. He left a

number of bequests and the residue to establish the Stephen Oliver Trust for charitable purposes relating to modern opera. Lady Peck, of Bournemouth, Dorset, widow of Air Marshal Sir Richard Hallam Peck, left estate valued at £2,016,079 net. She left \$259,000 and effects to personal legatees, \$40,000 each to the Royal

College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians, half the residue to the Royal Air Force Association Richard Peck House Convalescent Home, Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire and a quarter each to the Cheshire Foundation and the Salvation Army. Poles, that is not a true Lady Roberts, of Knightsbridge, left estate valued at £937,717 net.

Miss Nora Smith, of Llandudno, Gwynedd, left estate valued at E1,139,329 net. She left £4,500, effects and a life interest in a further £120,000 to personal lega-tees, £5,000 to the Conservative them, but ordered his troops to and Unionist Party Association, and the residue to charity.

Major rejects Labour plea for recall of **Parliament**

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DEMAND by John Smith for the recall of Parliament was swiftly rebuffed by the prime minister yesterday. Less than an hour after Mr

Smith made his formal request to John Major for MPs to be brought back to Westminster for two days to debate international events and the economy, the prime minister rejected it, saying that he could see no justification for a recall. The government was accused of arrogance by the Labour leader.

The speed with which Mr Major dismissed Mr Smith's most aggressive action since he became leader on July 18 surprised the shadow cabinet which had earlier approved the demand.

Several members thought the government might turn down an economic debate, but believed that in line with precedent it would accede to a recall to discuss developments in the former

Yugoslavia, Iraq and Somalia. The Commons rose in mid-July and is not due to resume until October after the party conferences.

They had not expected that Mr Smith, who has yet to address the Commons as leader of his party, would be so summarily refused on all counts. Mr Smith, criticised by some for taking too low a profile in recent weeks, took to the airwaves to denounce Mr Major's decision. He was "staggered" that the government had the gall to brush his request aside, he said, "Not only am I astonished, I am angry with the way in which this government treats Parliament. As leader of the Opposition, I have to insist that



Smith: "staggered by government's gall"

parliament is involved in these important discussions. which is why I considered carefully as to whether Parliament should be recalled."

Downing Street cited four cases in which requests for a recall from the Opposition leader have been turned down, one in 1979, two in 1980, and one in 1981. All of them centred on economic issues. Requests for recalls to debate international events, most recently in 1990 after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait,

have been granted. The strong assumption at Westminster last night was that Mr Major was unwilling

to give a platform in a debate before the French referendum to critics of the government's policies on Europe and the pound. There was also a belief that the episode had dented Mr Smith's authority early in his leadership and underlined Labour's impotence to influence events.

Ministers brushed aside

Labour's protests. Tony Newton, the Commons leader, said Labour had come back from its holidays to criticism that it had not been active enough. The recall demand was a tactic to counter such

Mr Smith questioned Mr Major's account of the conversation the two men had when he was briefed by the prime minister in mid-August on the decision to offer British forces to southern Iraq and Bosnia. In his letter to Mr Smith rejecting a re-call, Mr Major said that Mr Smith had "agreed then that a recall of Parliament was not

The Labour leader, however, maintained: "Mr Major phoned me in France and we discussed the reasons for the government's decision to make troops available to Bosnia, and also the air exclusion zone of Iraq. My recollection is that we did not discuss the recall of Parliament at all."

The Liberal Democrats intervened to criticise Labour's They argued that if Labour had joined their demand for a recall three weeks ago, when British forces were committed, the case would have been unanswerable.

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Constable landscape goes for auction at £1 m

BY JOHN SHAW

JOHN Constable's Harnham Bridge looking towards Salisbury Cathedral is to be sold for about £1 million at Sotheby's in London on November 18, it was announced yesterday.

The picture, which is from the famous collection at Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire, was painted when Constable was staying with John Fisher, his friend and patron, in 1820. It was sent for sale at Christie's, which advertised the painting in its house magazine in April, but the Luton Hoo trustees decided to move it to Sotheby's.

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tate, said: "We are selling this for purely private reasons. Sotheby's have dealt with Constables very successfully in the past and this was why

we decided to let them sell it for us now."

Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's Europe, said the firm had not given a guarantee on the probably influenced the trustees. The Lock also by Constable, set a new years. picture. Sotheby's success with The Lock had by Constable, set a new world auction record for the artist when it sold for £10.7 million in November 1990. It was bought by Baron Thyssen, an international industrialist, collector and member of Sotheby's advisory board.

Harnham Bridge is only one of three fullscale paintings of Salisbury Cathedral still in private hands. It captures the atmosphere of a summer

day at noon and was painted looking from the grounds of the Rose and Crown Inn in the village of East Harnham just south of Salisbury. It shows wildlife on the river, people going about their business and in the distance the tall cathedral spire against one of Consta-ble's familiar skies. It was first exhibited in public at the Tate's Constable show last year. It vill now be shown in Tokyo and New York before going under the hammer in London.

The picture, which measures 56 x 77.5cm, last appeared in the sale room at Christie's when it made 2,700 guineas in March 1906. It was subsequently bought by Sir Julius Wernher for Luton Hoo, the nineteenth-century man-

French falter under treaty deluge

tallion of European leaders and celebrities who have been rounded up to woo the sceptics. Jack Lang, the culture minister and chief government cheerleader, yesterday presented a platoon of 33 European stars to tell the French to vote "yes".

major industrialised state to ask its people to decide democratically for or against Europe. The whole of Europe will watch you on September 20 and await your decision with impatience and emo-tion," said the plea, signed by

Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Wim Wenders and Peter Gabriel, among others. The chief foreign villain for the "no" bride was Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor.

"It is absolutely scandalous that foreign personalities come to France and intervene in a debate which concerns sovereignty." said Philippe de Villiers, the nationalist renegade in the pro-European UDF party led by Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, used similar terms. The communists

also denounced the show as propaganda, pointing out that the journalists chosen to question the president were

Il pro-Maastricht. For those with faith in the French sense of civic duty there was some good news. Three annotated editions of the turgid Maastricht text two, four and five slots in the national bestseller list. Sceptics, however, but these works on the shelf of "must-have" books that few bother to read.

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Maxwell's 'humbling'

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The voluntary arrangement which I proposed for my creditors, which they dismissed out of hand, would in my view have been in the best interests of my creditors."

Keith Oliver, Mr Maxwell's solicitor, said after the 12hour hearing that, in making Registrar Scott had made clear that he had made no adverse finding against Mr Maxwell in relation to the presentation of an expedited petition by the liquidator. The move for expedition was ap-parently based on fears that

assets might be dissipated, an idea rejected by Mr Maxwell.

Margaret Cole, solicitor for BIM's liquidator, said the official receiver had been immediately appointed to take possession of Mr Maxwell's sets, but the secretary for trade was expected to appoint

trustées last night or today. would be Peter DuBuisson and Phillip Sykes, insolvency partners at Binder Hamlyn. the accountants. They will actually take possession of the the assets.

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Russian writers fight for contempt

Their historical significance in Russia makes it hard for intellectuals to adapt to the peripheral mission and the peripheral mis by their peers in the West Artists, writers and intellectuals voiced the opposition to the tsarist regime in the nineteenth century. The tsar is reputed to have returned the compliment by referring to intellectuals with the same facial expression of disgust that he adopted when he spoke of syphilis, but at least it showed that he noticed them enough to consider them a

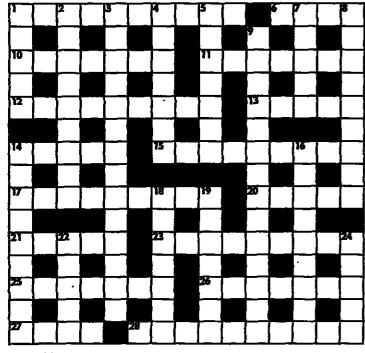
After 1899, the intelligent-sia's opposition to the tsar's autocracy became increasing-ly channelled into nascent socialism, but literature remained a strong element in Bolshevik thought: Lenin's tract What is to be done borrowed both its title and the idea of the "new man" from Nikolai Chernyshevsky, a radical author of the 1860s who considered the existing world doomed. Great nineteenth-century writers such as Dostoevsky and Tolstoy saw themselves as both moral arbiters and the true expression of the Russian soul.

The new post-modernists such as Mr Erofeyev reject what he describes as the "cloying hypermoralism" of both the nineteenth-century bourgeois and the twentiethcentury dissident traditions. It is no accident that his acclaimed novel Russian Beauty is the undidactic story of an amoral Moscow courtesan exploiting the moribund system for all it is worth.

There is little social cachet left in being a writer, unless like Mr Erofeyev you are pub-lished abroad, in which case people are more impressed by your hard currency bank account and travel possibilities

than your work. While President Gorbachev still felt it was necessary to court the favour of the Writer's Union, Mr Yeltsin has never been seen there. Moreover he cultivates the image of a politically savvy muzhik (neasant) who is concerned with action rather than words and eschews intellectual circles. Salon society hates him with a passion that exceeds even its dislike of the communist tyrants. At least the tsar, Stalin and Brezhnev noticed the intellectuals enough to hate them: Mr Yeltsin treats them as a huge irrelevance.

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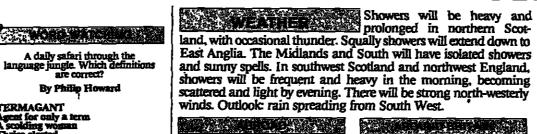
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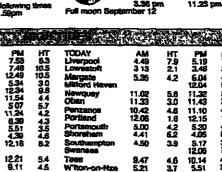
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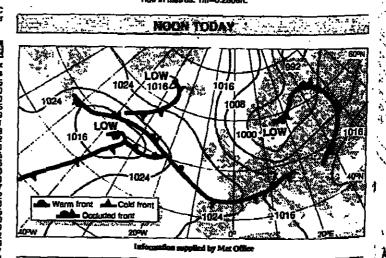
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Golden days for limelight lawyers









The celebrated clients of Alan Dershowitz (from left) Claus von Bulow, Michael Milken, Leona Helmsley and Mia Farrow - for \$400 an hour the wealthy, notorious and well-known buy the experience of the court and television here

The only stars in America getting more media attention than Woody Allen and Mia Farrow are the

attorneys hovering around their case. Kate Muir reports on the battle for top billing

nuffling like delighted pigs in the wake of every scandal come America's divorce and custody lawyers, their wallets twitching in excitement, sound-bites foaming on their lips. Out of tragedy they bring riches - usually for

As usual, Woody and Mia had hardly begun to humiliate themselves publicly before the country's two favourite talking heads were channel-hopping with their learned opinions: Alan Dershowitz (client list: Mike Tyson, Leona Helmsley. Claus von Bulow) versus Raoul Felder (client list: Mrs Mike Tyson, Mrs Martin Scorsese, Mrs Joseph Heller). The two lawyers have a great deal in common -they are both the sons of poor Jewish immigrants from Brooklyn, both became millionaires, and they

Mr Dershowitz is usually an appeals lawyer, but has been brought in to advise Mia Farrow on Woody Allen's child custody lawsuit. Mr Felder is contenting himself with advising the entire American media on the subject. Lawyers on both sides, as is traditional in a celebrity custody battle, are blaming the opposing partner for making the dispute so public. In the meantime, those television appearance fees, and the legal clients that follow in their

"I guarantee you", says Mr Felder, "that I'm on television so much that three months from now. the public will think I represented either Allen or Farrow. When the media come to me for comment. it has a sort of snowball effect."

Beneath a giant blue fluorescent sign saying Sue Someone You Love, he sits in a leather armchair and explains that the step from being a lawyer to celebrities to a celebrity lawyer is a short one.

"There is some magic moment when restaurant owners start sending the free liquor over after dinner. I noticed that after I represented Robin Givens [the actress] in the Tyson divorce case. You know you can get the best table at Le Cirque at a moment's notice. Of course it won't be long before Dershowitz has to tell maître d's who he used to be," he adds gratuitously.

Mr Felder's predictions for Mr Dershowitz are a little premature. but it is true that when the celebrity lawyer falls, he falls hard. Particularly if he is as large as Marvin Mitchelson. Remember him? He became the dean of divorce lawyers in the 1970s, when he brought the first ever "palimony" suit against actor Lee Marvin. Mitchelson lost that particular case, but his fame spread, and soon Joan Collins, Bianca Jagger and Mrs Marlon Brando signed him up. Now Mitchelson is himself before the courts, on charges of tax evasion. and a series of complaints have also been made to the Bar.

Mr Felder looks saddened. "And to think I was considering setting up hi-coastal partnership with Mitchelson - me in new York and him in California." He shakes his head wearily, well-aware that Mitchelson's present difficulties leave his way clear as the self-styled King of Divorce. A metal deskplate saying Trouble is my Business is illuminated by a shaft of afternoon sun coming into his 30th floor Madison Avenue office. A helicop-

ter flies by the window.
At \$450 (£225) an hour (Dershowitz charges \$400) Felder is, well, unbelievably rich. His firm turns over \$8 to \$10 million a year.





Continuing tiff: it is difficult to know whether Raoul Felder (left) and Alan Dershowitz are arguing over justice and right or the best tables in New York restaurants

He has no partners, merely employees, one of whom is his wife, a Broadway dancer client turned lawyer. At 58, he now owns three apartments in New York - on Central Park, the Upper East side, and one above the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art which houses his collection of film posters and some of his 350 suits. There is also the Rolls and more than 40 cameras for his amateur photography. His office resembles a junk-yard, with Rodins and Picassos scattered among china lions and plastic replicas of the American

He points out two plastic stick-on fake bullet holes, new toys which he has just affixed to his window.

Lemme put it this way - the money doesn't mean much to me," says the attorney who even has a monogrammed doormat. "From what I see, people who inherit their wealth are anally retentive about spending it, and people who make their money aren't. You know you can earn it again." A member of the Democratic Party, he distrusts Bill Clinton, but he feels the chasm between rich and poor in America

is too wide. "It's like Dickens now. If taxing my money would get people off the street, I'd say OK, go take it - I ate provolone sandwiches when I was a kid and I'll eat

them now." Mr Felder looks back fondly on those days. Business has changed, he says, but it is the change which has made his fortune and created the man whom Vanity Fair dubbed 'Captain Divorce". When he began 33 years ago, divorce was based on fault. Lawyers got to play private detective and trailed adulterous husbands and wifes to seedy motels, where incriminating pictures were snapped. Wives got the children in almost every case, so

custody was rarely disputed. The romance and excitement has gone out of the business, but wads of money have come in. "With nofault divorce, the lawyer was no longer the knight on the white charger. Instead, he was part of an oppressive system, grinding people under. You became sort of a fancy accountant, pencil pusher and businessman. There isn't that basic

element of right and justice." Right and justice. Mr Felder would claim, underlie his continuing tiff with Mr Dershowitz. Others consider the dispute is in fact about who can stay in the spotlight longest. Sadly, Mr Dershowitz was off in Boston and too busy to do an interview to

confirm or deny this. Mr Felder recently wrote an article in which he said too many defendants in criminal trials were being treated as hero-figures. In this he included mafia boss John Gotti, Imelda Marcos, Washington former mayor Marion Barry and Claus von Bulow. He blamed lawyers and the media for the bad example they were setting to the voung people of today.

Von Bulow, as we know, was found innocent of murder, thanks to the efforts of Mr Dershowitz. The resulting trial made a great film. Reversal of Fortune, in which the lawyer-hero was played by Ron Silver. Mr . Dershowitz was not pleased by Mr Felder's remarks. For good measure, Mr Felder added that Mr Dershowitz's rate of success in appeal cases was not that impressive, and a ding-dong war of words ensued, ending when Mr Dershowitz said: "I will not engage in a pissing competition with a skunk."

Clearly the celebrity lawyers are learning a thing or two from their celebrity dients.

Mr Felder does not consider he has learned from the rich; rather the opposite. "You need maturity in this game. As Kipling said: 'The colonel's lady and Julie O'Grady are sisters under the skin." Ivana Trump supposedly consulted Mr Felder on about challenging her post-nuptial agreement with Donald Trump. "I can't comment on that,' he says, "but I thought the contract was cast iron and couldn't be challenged." Mrs Trump got herself another lawyer, but the case

"Other lawyers don't know how to handle the stars well, and then they get a Woody Allen case, where he does all the running. Look at that case." Shakes head. "Him and Mia. they're both coconuts."

Mr Felder says that despite what the newspapers are saying, parents fighting for custody of their children do not routinely throw in accusations of child abuse to im-

prove their chances of winnning. Only 2 per cent of custody cases involve allegations of child abuse. and the unproven rate in divorce

cases is no different from the unproven rate when outside agencies say there is abuse." He does, however, increasingly find that men threaten to fight for custody of their children, and then suddenly agree to drop the demands when the woman agrees to a lesser financial settlement.

With one in two American

marriages ending in divorce, the custody business is expanding. So are repeat clients. Mr Felder has one women who has used his services seven times, although she kept divorcing and remarrying the same two men. Others are on their second or third cases. Then there are pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements, increasingly popular with couples who have separate businesses and careers.

Mr Felder's marriage to his wife Myrna rolls on, unaffected by the mayhem around. She hardly sees him, because he is always working. He feels another quotation coming on. "As Freud said, the secret of a

happy life is leben and arbeit, love and work, but he didn't say what proportions they should be in."

Work is his obsession. He has Thatcherite sleep patterns, managing only a lew hours a night, and is in the office by 6am every morning, avoids lunching out, and works until 7pm or 9pm. He continues at one of his homes at the weekend. Of the 300 or so cases taken on by the firm and its nine lawyers, her deals with 60 personally and overseas major decisions on the

rest. He has never taken a holiday. He has a weekend house in glitzy East Hampton on Long Island. two or three hours away. "It's a fancy place, but I've not been there in over two years." Instead, he recently bought a condominium on downmarket Brighton Beach which is much nearer to the city. He goes there alone every Saturday to work. The condo is his equivalent of Marie-Antoinette's petit trianon at Versailles. He can play at being ordinary. "It's very humble, where all the new Russian immigrants have gone to live. They don't recognise me, don't bother me, so I walk on the boardwalk and sit among the Russian, the poor people, and I feel more comfortable

r Felder prefers the company of ordinary people to that of whom he has great contempt. The American people feel much the same, rating lawyers somewhere below second-hand car salesmen. undertakers and estate agents on popularity polls.

But the one species worse than the American lawyer is the English one. according to Mr Felder. English lawyers are intellectually limited, he thinks, and use 40 Latin words where one Anglo-Saxon one would do. He suffered from them during an international case involving Peter O'Toole. "I jump out of my skin. I hit the phone against my head when I have to talk to an English lawyer. They don't have a jocular instinct. They're a triumph of form over substance, everyone thinks because the accent sounds wonderful that they're saying something intelligent." He looks over for confirmation. "A lot of English people are very stupid, particularly those ones with the egg in their mouth and the fancy accent." By

egg. he may mean plum. Without pausing for breath, he returns his abuse closer to home.

"Basically, American lawyers are one dimensional in terms of intellect. That's why they're boring, and most bores you don't want to have dinner with. All they talk about is

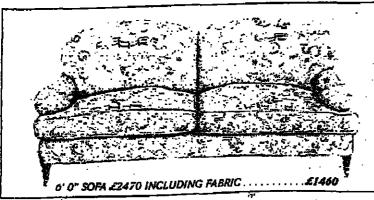
To show his grasp of the whole world, Mr Felder not only indicates various plaques commemorating his donations to charity and his Defender of Israel award from Yitzhak Shamir, but he also spatters his conversation with literary quotations (and misquotations). In the course of one and a half hours - worth nearly \$700 in divorce consultation terms - he quotes, in this order, Dr Johnson, Hitler, Fitzgerald, Churchill, Dickens, El-

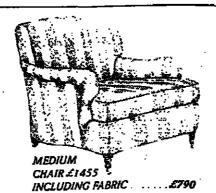
iot. Shakespeare, Eliot on Shakespeare, Freud and Kipling. There is one quotation, however. which is not mentioned, and Mr Felder and his colleague Mr Dershowitz would do well to take note of it. "I do not care to speak ill of any man behind his back," said

Samuel Johnson, "but I believe the

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gentleman is an attorney".







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midday. WITHERING LOOKS: The Nation vontraments abouts: The regional institute For Bringing History To Life Society offers an insight into the day-to-day lives of the Bronte sisters. Should Cathy many Heath diffe or Dayld Niven? Presented by Magge Fox and Sue Ryding of Lip Service. Edinburgh Suite, Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Today, tomorrow,

ORLANDO: Red Shift theatre compa weaves narrative with drama in this portrayal of Viriginia Woolf. Her emobonal life is laid bare as she writes the faritastic story of Orlando. Balliroom, Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street. Today, tornorrow, 2pm. PEER GYNT: The Bastinado Theatre Company, one of Australia's leading dohist interpretation of Ibsen's classic An exploration of the themes of karma proved on ... ws of the fringe. stairs Theatre, Hill Street Theatre, 19 Smet. Today, tomorrow, 1.15pm. Symphony Orchestra performs Mahler's Fifth Symphony, with the sublime Adaptetio first made widely popular by the Visconth like Death in Venice Also in the programme is Berg's Violin Concerto, the beautiful work inspired by the tragic death of Alma Mahler's 18-year-old daughter by her second husband. The concert is conducted by the orchestra's principal conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas, with Anne-Sophie Mutter on violin. The with Anne-Sophie Mutter on violin. The BBC Symphony Orchestra takes over tomorrow night with a performance Bruddier's glorious Symphony No 8. Conducted by the German veteran, Günter Wand Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823-9998) Tonight

NOMEN LAUGHING: Michael Wall's black comedy about husbands in crisis over their wives. Acclaimed at the

year. Theatre Upstelrs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Previews from tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Tues, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Oct 3.

MADAM BUTTERFLY: Puccini's MADAM BUTTERFLY: Puccini's celebrated tragic opera of love, betragal and suicide in Nagasald is performed by the visiting Opera de Lyon, and conducted by Kent Nagano, about to take up his appointment as music director of the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester. Michle Nakamaru sings Clo-Clo-San and Vyacheslav M. Polozov plays the part of the heartless Pinkerton. M. Polozov plays the part of the hearliess Pinkerton. Birmingham Symphony Hell, Broad Street, Birmingham. (021-200-2000) Tonight, 8pm, Sun 2.30pm. WERNER BRATTIG: An exhibition of Westness start risk an emitted on 11 sets of fithographs by this German artist. It tackles such varying topics as "Towers and Palaces". "Metamorphosss" and "The Muses". Barbican Centre, Sik Street, London EC2, Until Oct 1.

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ELSEWHERE

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Edwardian fashion house. Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat 7.30pm. Mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm. WHEN THE PAST IS STILL TO

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Tom Kempinski's new two-hander: a psycho-analyst and his patient. John Castle and Ron Wood wade into the unconscious. Finitorough, 118 Finitorough Road, Earls Court, SW10 (071-371.3842). Previews, tonight, tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Sept 8, 7pm Mon-Sat 8pm.

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Frances Barber in a Howard Davies production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the text National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-528 2252), Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 105mins ROMEO AND JULIET: Michael

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real world. With Liz Robertson and Christopher Cazenove. Sadler's Wells, Rocebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Tues, Thors, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins, Last week.

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Philip Provise's triumphant RSC production, John Carlisle as a callous anstocrat in Wilde's social melodrama laced with wit. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mars Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins. 405 0072)... [Dancing at Lughnasa: Gamck (071-494 5085)

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WHITE SANDS (15): The FBI, black marketoers and a small-town cop chase each other's talk in New Mexico, An

each core's faist New Mexico, An impendiable plot, but lively. Willem Datoe, Mickey Rourke; director, Roger Denaldson. MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Shaffesbury Avenue (071-836 62791 MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

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◆ BELLE DE JOUR (18): Burkuer's 1967 classic about the adventurous libido of a bourgous wrile (Catherine Deneuve), it is cool and compelling in a sparking new print. With Jean Sorel and Michel Perceix. MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

THE DISCREET CHARM OF THE BOURGEOISIE (15): Six well-he frends in search of an unlatterruper frends in search of an unlatterruper meal. Burtuel's marvellously amusin 1972 sattre; renved with six other if by the master of screen surrealism. Fernando Rey, Stéphane Audran. Renoir (071-837 8402)

JUICE (15): Friendship and violence among ghetto youths. Superior sample of the new black orienta, directed by Spike Lee's cameraman Ernest R. Dickerson. Omar Epps, Tupac Shakur. Electric (071-792 2020) MGM Panto Street (071-930 0631) MGM Trocaders (071-434 0031)

LOVERS (18)* In Franco's Spain, Victoria Abril derails her lodger's intended marriage. Excellent tale of mad love, expertly mounted by director Vicente Aranda. MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ MY OWN PRIVATE IDANO (18): Gus Van Sant's quely portrait of two drifters searching for a place to call home: striking and aggravating by turns MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470) pean policy" which kept non-whites out of Australia for much of this century. Here, it seems, was a country of THE PLAYER (15): Dazzling satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tolkin's novel.

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PROMS: ALBERT HALL/RADIO 3

Concertgebouw without the fizz

WEDNESDAY should have been a corker among Proms. Here was a concert by the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, whose silkily seductive sound and magnificent integrity have kept Amsterdam in the premier league of the musical world for more than a century. Under Haitink and Bernstein the orchestra's London performances in the early 1980s were suffused with an astonishing tension.

Some of those classic encounters can be replayed in the mind, years later. Whereas the memory of Wednesday's concert hardly lasted the walk to the bus-stop. This was a fine orchestra in decent shape, and the strings were as seamlessly blended as ever. But where was the fizz? One does not go to a Concertgebouw concert to be sandbagged by competence.

Comparisons are of course odious, but furl For 25 years the Concertgebouw's chief conductor was Haitink. for whom the phrase "still waters run deep" might have been coined. Every one expected his successor, Riccardo Chailly, to be more obviously fiery because he is Italian. In fact this performance, far from crackling with Italianate fire, was lethargic, less in speed than in orchestral response and attack. Chailly has a fine technique, but as yet he seems unable to charm. terrorise or mesmerise his band into playing with a unified ardour.

Admittedly he set himself an awesome task by programming Bruckner's interminable and largely indigestible Symphony No 1. a work whose lengthy absences from the concert hall do little to make the heart grow fonder. Never one to hurry things. Bruckner wrote two "warm up" symphonies before this official First, and his satisfaction with it may be judged by the fact that 25 years later he virtually rewrote it bar by bar, Whether this second version, played here, is an improvement is debatable. What had been ill-digested Wagnerian bombast was converted into welldigested Wagnerian bombast, but the basic problem - the fatal lack of urgency - left unresolved.

Chailly deserves credit for dusting off such a problematic hulk, and there were many moments - the craggy culmination to the first movement; the sinuous grace of the violins in the

COMPOSER Lionel Bart hit the

target of West End success for the fifth

time with this show (libretto by Alun

Owen) in 1964. Twang! the following

year missed the target spectacularly

and signalled the end of his run of luck

Having gathered praise and good

audiences in 1990 with Bart's Blitz.

the National Youth Theatre of Great

Company and composer have com-

plementary strengths. His are catchy

tunes and cheeky word-play (fast

songs) or direct sentimentality (slow

songs). The NYT offers an all-out

energy and a raw willingness to please

which exactly match the naivety of the

material. A milkman (Neil McPher-

son) moves from door to door of

stylised Liverpool houses, berating the

unwilling sun in "Shine, You Swine",

further elaborating that the heavenly

body is "no mucker of mine". Tart-

BLOND children scurry across a

lovingly tended lawn to school, their

blue eyes flashing in the sun, and wave

goodbye to a beaming mother with Teutonic features straight from Aryan

central casting. Newsreel voiceovers

laud the miracle of a golden fatherland

populated by Europeans of "pure stock", uncontaminated by Jewish, Asian or black blood. It is all sickening-

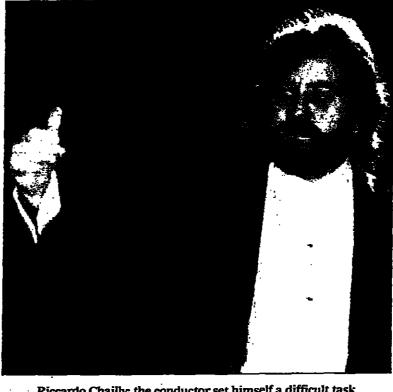
Last night's chilling BBC 2 docu-

mentary Admission Impossible lifted

the lid on the infamous "non-Euro-

ly familiar. But it is not Germany.

Britain has revived Maggie.



Riccardo Chailly: the conductor set himself a difficult task

scherzo -- when the sheer beauty of the sound lifted the spirits. But the dominant impression was of an orchestra performing as if itself unsure about the symphony's worth.

Earlier, the Portuguese pianist Maria João Pires, who seems not so much to depress the ivories as to run a feather duster over them, tiptoed her way through Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto. The really poetic patches sounded lovely: the mysterious modulations in the first movement; the piano's calming response to the stern orchestral octaves in the middle movement. But after a while, Pires's way of seizing on any excuse for an indulgent rallentando began to irritate. It was like being on a walk with a child who insists on stopping to pluck a daisy every few yards: charming at first, but wearisome in the long run.

A WARM welcome to Tafelmusik, the Canadian baroque orchestra hitherto known to British audiences only through recordings for Sony. Its latenight Prom on Tuesday may have been designed as a wide-ranging sampler, but it showed a near, expressive unusually full string sound and a sense of performance far removed from the more austere zeal of other groups one could mention.

Perhaps something other than Boccherini's souffle of a tragic symphony (in C minor, Op 41) could have been found to end the programme, though at least the work gave the horns, oboes and bassoons something to do. But the remaining four pieces -Handel's Concerto Grosso, Op 6 No 4, Biber's whimsically onomatopoeic Battaglia (vividly acted as well as played), Telemann's equally entertaining Ouverture burlesque de Quixotte. RICHARD MORRISON | and Vivaldi's Concerto for Four Vio-

lins. Op 3 No 10 Deanne Lamon. David Greenberg, Ingrid Matthews and Cynthia Roberts the well-matched soloists) - demonstrated a marvellous all-round flair. Lamon, who directs the group from the first desk, clearly exercises a commanding and intelligent influence.

The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra's playing of Dvořák's Seventia Symphony at the From earlier that evening might have been designed deliberately to make a critic twitch nervously. True, the piece has been tossed aside with less care than it was here, but it has also been given with deeper consideration. On this occasion it was almost as if the engine had been turned on and simply left to run, an approach that belied the varied and dramatic nature of what is arguably Dvořák's finest symphony. Perhaps he is a composer ripe for the attentions of the period-style brigade; they at least would restore the vibrant colours which are so intrinsic to this music, colours that the vastness of this auditorium also tends to water down. But rhythmically, too, this reading also tended towards the insipid.

Yet this was an orchestra in which blend, particularly that of the pleasing ly rounded brass and woodwind, was impressive. The players listened to each other, which meant that in Berlioz's Nuits d'Eté Yuasa was able to forge some delicate textures in support of the soprano Isabelle Vernet's clear. restrained and often lovely singing. But again there was nothing remarkable about this interpretation.

Iain Hamilton's Commedia: Concerto for Orchestra, composed in 1972, was perhaps a conservative work for its own modernist time. But today it feels comfortable amid the less severe tendencies of more recent times.

Hamilton's work proceeds by means of expressive textures, an instinctive. direct response to Dante's The Divine Comedy which, despite the dubious respite of an eerily still centre, speaks vividly of apocalyptic terrors and provides a virtuoso challenge for the orchestra, coolly met, into the bargain. If only all the concert had been like

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THEATRE: LONDON

Perfectly suited partners

with-a-heart Maggie (Liz King, increaswinning) warns two sailors

trying to negotiate a discount "If you want a slice, that's my price." Where the show's age is most apparent is in the structure - very much pre-Lloyd Webber -- and in the dockers vs bosses story at the heart of Alun Owen's gritty libretto. How quaint the idea of a workers' walk-out now seems. The love story of Maggie

Magdalene and Je-Maggie May sus Christ Though Royalty far-fetched, it is no more absurd than, say, the central premise of Willy Russell's Blood Brothers, which is only one of several shows whose indebtedness to Bart is ever more obvious.

Dance scenes are explosively exciting, particularly the pub in Act I, to "Maggie Maggie May" and the Catacomb Club in Act II. to "Carrying On", performed to the authentically and Pat Casey (James Barriscale, very tinny backing of the club band. David watchable) is acknowledged, in Bart's Toguri and Janet Devenish's exuberprogramme note, to have been in- ant choreography is sometimes spired by the Biblical story of Mary cramped by Brian Lee's superbly

atmospheric set, very effectively lit by Kevin Fitz-Simons. Director Edward Wilson often creates groupings and ensembles of memorable power, as in the Prologue chase, the funfair scene and the final, emphatically Biblical tableau, with Maggie cradling the body of Casey in a direct visual reference to the Pieta.

Barriscale settles into character faster than King as Maggie, but they make a convincing couple. On opening night, their singing and dialogue was not always projected well, but this was a problem for almost everyone, while microphone problems did not help. Among the excellent supporting cast. Simon Bowen as Willie Morgan, Sarah Moyle as Maureen O'Neill and Elliot Levey as Gene Kieman make the most of their opportunities.

TONY PATRICK

TELEVISION REVIEW

Ugly face of old Australia

pure Aryan" had aiready made a comeback in a coun-

poisonous words Admission Impossible BBC 2

try selling itself as British. I suppose one could expect this from a society whose first act of parliament in 1901 was a law limiting immigration, but the vigour and pervasiveness of the bigotry involved still came as an

unpleasant surprise. We have been conditioned by the likes of Paul Hogan and Dame Edna, after all, to dismiss Antipodean chauvinism as the quaint rough edge of a fledgling culture whose most famous exports are television soap-operas and lager. But this wonderfully knowing film explored a national mindset that was deeply, darkly unpleasant.

this fragile country. the self-appointed land of milk and honey, faced an ugly contradiction between its desperate population deficit and its racist prejudices. "As a nation we shall not survive," warned Arthur Calwell, the immigration minister just after the second world war and then set off for Europe on a bizarre recruitment tour, in search of the

ethnically sound bodies that Australia

needed to save itself from the "yellow

From the start.

peril" to the north. Extraordinary footage showed ship-loads of "Nordic types", selected from wartime refugee camps, arriving in pursuit of this bizarre dream. The propaganda painted a picture of blissful social harmony and enlighten-ment, but of the 170,000 displaced persons arriving in the years after the war, only 500 were Jewish.

With the onset of the Cold War, this ethnic battle acquired an ideological edge, as Asia became equated with communism. Chinese traders were regularly rounded up and subjected to an extraordinary "dictation test" in which the suspect's loyalty was judged by his ability to write down a dictated passage in any European language selected by immigration officials.

As black and white film became here.

colour, a sense of regret was evident if. those interviewed. But, in essence, the prejudice endured, forcing reformist ministers from office and permeating policy-making in spirit if not in letter. This was a troubling essay on the anatomy of nationhood, the spectre of ethnic cleansing" never far away. MATTHEW D'ANCONA

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Gathering in the stone harvest

worth Cove on a difftop walk. Despite the weather, the vastness of the sea only a short distance away soon exerted its power. And on the other side, the rolling landscape yielded three Wayside Carvings set into the grassy

THE WALL

Although I knew that Peter Randall-Page had only just completed them, these shell forms looked as if they had been nestling in their dry-stone niches for a long time. Far from disrupting the location, each spiralling lump of Purbeck marble already seemed an

integral part of the countryside. Echoing the shapes of the tiny fossils embedded within them, they ingly intimate and sheltered compared with the exposed and dwarfing immensity all ar-

ound. Commissioned by the landowners through Com-

mon Ground's imaginative New Milestones Project, Randall-Page's work offered an exemplary demonstration of how contemporary sculpture can appear to grow out of a rural setting. Most of the ramblers who have encountered the carvings since then probably do not think of them as "art" at all. And Randall-Page clearly savours the idea of such a fresh response. Here is a sculptor who, as well as deriving his formlanguage from the natural world. knows how to place a carving in the countryside with a rare sense of

But how would he fare inside the Arnolfini Gallery, where his retro-spective survey of 15 years' work has now opened? Randall-Page has concentrated on site-specific commissions rather than one-man shows since leaving Bath Academy of Art in 1977.

Doubts are allayed as soon as the first room is entered. His carvings. mostly hewn from dark, gleaming Kilkenny limestone, look quite at home as they lie on the floor or perch, somewhat expectantly, on stone or wooden bases. The largest, most notably a monumental trio of new works called Fruit of Mythological Trees, look as unconstrained here - inside a room with a view out onto the dockland water - as they

n a drizzly day around six years ago, I slithered up a footpath west of Lul-these carvings are not intended to represent identifiable fruit. For all their swollen ripeness, they evade easy classification. A fascinating showcase of maquettes in the upstairs gallery also contains a selection of the natural objects which Randall-Page collects: bones, shells, stones, pods and cones. Since possible references to several of these forms can be fused in a single carving, his sculpture benefits from a richness of associations.

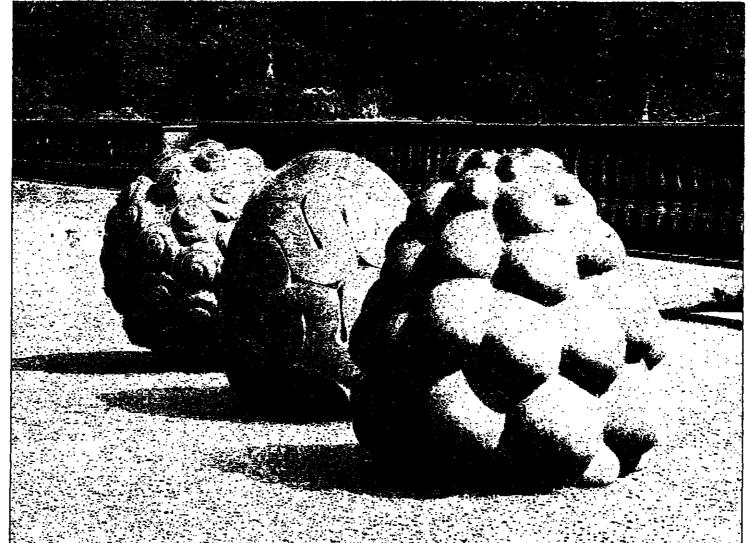
He is at his weakest when most reliant on a single, easily recognisable source, as in the Small Cone carved out of Cornish

Poliphant three years ago. Randall-Page seems content, here, to remain doggedly faithful to the found object he began with. The predictable, whereas other works reioice in his ability to keep us guessing.

Where The Bee Sucks is just such a multi-layered carving, bursting at the lower end with globular shapes redolent of fruit-clusters as well as breasts and testicles. They appear to give the sculpture enough energy to rise in the air at the other end, but the reference here is by no means straightforwardly phallic. For this end of the limestone swarms with snake-like undulations, suggesting coiled human limbs. Or might they be internal organs

of some kind? The title of a related carving, Beneath the Skin, implies that Randall-Page may harbour such concerns. One half of this bunched, tense sculpture, which rests on the floor only in the middle, is alive with the same writhing forms as Where The Bee Sucks. They could be intestinal, but the other half thrusts unwards like a beak, the mouth of a fish or a ship's

Most of his carvings are immaculately ordered, and their polished surfaces add to the air of refinement. The only rough-hewn sculpture on display is a wriggling, straining length of Hornton stone called Himself. Weathered by an outdoor setting and strewn with moss, it looks positively unruly set beside the highly finished works nearby. But Himself possesses a vigour which makes some of the smoother pieces



Looking good, outdoors or in: Fruit of Mythological Trees, "hewn from dark, gleaming Kilkenny limestone", by Peter Randall-Page

look too suave. Randall-Page has to guard against an over-settled aura in some of his work, bordering on

He broke free in 1985 by dispensing with carving for a moment, and modelling instead a jaunty sequence of small, Miró-like bronzes. The more anarchic side of his temperament was let loose. Each little form sprouts tendrils that wave playfully in the air. They convey a feeling of elation, doubtless reflecting the sculptor's own relief at liberating himself from his obsession with weighty containment. But the mood soon passed; since then Randall-Page has moved towards a stillness monumentality influenced above all by Brancusi.

That does not mean he has

eradicated conflict from his work. Commanding proof is offered by a colossal sequence of 12 charcoal drawings called Fruiting Bodies. Ranged in two rows, one above the other, these overwhelmingly assured images threaten to burst out of their confines. The paper scarcely seems able to support such robustness, but a sharp change of mood separates

one set of drawings from the other. The top row celebrates fertility in a series of plump, delectable forms. They could hardly be more opposed to the twisting tubes trapped within

their own sinister contortions below. This is the darkest side of Randall-Page's imagination, and it threatens to undermine the reassuring fecundity of his other work. But without such a troubled undertow, the

feeling for ripeness might lapse into complacency. He needs to retain this edge, and at Bristol a three-part carving called Still Life is given extra tension with a special installation.

Only a few minutes' walk from the

Arnolfini, the ruins of the 12thcentury Temple Church have become a temporary home for a work usually sited in a Basingstoke shopping centre. The blitz-torn nave provides Still Life with a melancholy context against which the forms of a shell, chrysalis and seed strive to assert their fruitfulness. The carvings seem embroiled in an attempt to bring the whole pummelled building back to life.

◆ Peter Randall-Page at the Arnolfini (0272 299191) and Temple Church, Victoria Street, Bristol, until October 4 Regeneration lies at the centre of Randall-Page's concerns. Many of

GALLERY CHOICE

 NORFOLK PORTRAITS. East Anglia has always had the advantage of being so near to and yet so far from London. In terms of art patronage, this meant that the local gentry had easy access to the latest from London, and often managed to hold on longer to what they had acquired. This remarkable survey of regional portraiture ranges in time and style from Hilliard to Francis Bacon, and in subject matter from royalty to gamekeepers. prime ministers to fishermen. Castle Museum, Norwich (0603 223624) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, tomorrow to November 29, Adm. £1.60, cones £1.20.

• LESLIE GIBSON (1910-1969). This year's main Salisbury Festival exhibition is devoted to a minor but interesting artist with strong local connections. Gibson spent the last 20 years of his life living in Stapleford and running with his wife, a teacher of fashion design, the Stapleford Studio. Before that he had travelled widely, and though known mainly as a landscape painter he had also painted, drawn and etched extensively in other forms, including subjects as unexpected as an on-the-spot record of a fascist meeting in Florence.

Salisbury Museum, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury (0722 332151) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun during Festival 2-5pm. tomorrow to December 5.

• LIBERATED REALISM. The main emphasis in this new show of the gallery's speciality, art from the former eastern bloc, shifts from artists who have stayed put to artists who have moved west. Principal among them are the Macedonian Bobby Acevski-Popo, who paints large. brightly coloured, faintly surrealistic figure compositions; the Russian husband-andwife team Janet and Emmanuel Snitkovsky, whose poised yet whimsical pictures make great play with intricately textured paint; and the Ukrainian collagist Shimon Okshtein. who does the sort of thing the Surrealists did in the Twenties, but with a contemporary

Roy Miles Gallery, 29 Bruton Street, W1 (071-495 4747) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-1pm, until October 7.

> JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

THEATRE: OUT OF LONDON

ill-met by any kind of light

ne of the questions academics say we should not ask is "How many children had Lady Macbeth?" We are crisply told to restrict our attention to what lies within a play, and on no account speculate about what might have happened

The Greeks had a word for that: phooey! They speculated like mad about the families of their mythical heroes and heroines, changing the number and names of their children to suit their transient purposes. Jean Binnie follows in this tradition, quarrying Shakespeare's Scottish play to fashion one of her own.

She has not given her hero-ine (played by Tina Jones) the historically correct name of Gruoch. She prefers the pleasanter sound of Catriona. Her lover is not the sterile Macbeth but noble Macduff, here "Duff" (Mac Andrews). inveigled into her bed to

furnish an heir. This seamy business puts a new gloss on the phrase "Lay not one to crack a joke. Her Lady Macbeth Everyman, Cheltenham

concerns are the scandal of limited opportunities open to women to wield political power, though little is made of this, and the flimsy dilemma of the honest man torn between duty to his country and love for its

bad ruler's wife. Her characters address these matters in energetic duologues and earnest monologue around the red dais that serves as Lady M's bed. There is no laughter in this bedroom, though Jones allows herself a harsh cackle now and then. Solemnity would not matter if the drama fought out by the two combatants created characters of interest exploring the issues with rigour and verve. Flashes of verve shine through, precious little rigour

and a deal of rant.
Nettie Edwards's attractive design provides a small grove of Corinthian columns, two suspended seven feet above the



Lady Macbeth (Tina Jones) and Duff (Mac Andrews)

market miner's lamps, hang. With her black-rimmed eyes and auburn hair, Jones plays the heroine like a bimbo going blousy. She can still pose beside a column and pout, but when she tries a lascivious "Oh my darling," plainly the years have begun to tell.

This actress has given good performances in the past but Catriona Macbeth is not of that number. The author supplies her with awkwardly repetitious lines and statements of feeling in place of words that communicate feelings; even so. Jones make surprisingly little of the character's envy of Macduff's fecund wife. An-

bed. Small lanterns, like up- drews is also a victim of the author's belief that to show complexity it is enough to make a character keep changing his mind. He looks cross and guilty but his beloved praises his charm and knowledge of what to wear at a banquet. This does not come across at all.

The creepy witch music (by Giles Farley and Simon Turner) is a good mix of allure and desolation. But Martin Houghton's direction mistakenly trusts his actors to give life to lines that state the obvious because they lack the resources to plumb the unknown.

JEREMY KINGSTON

ARUNDEL FESTIVAL

On the trail of local artists

Simon Tait joins

the crowd tramping through the living

rooms of a historic West Sussex town

in search of art This afternoon up to a hundred strangers will

I wander into Sue Marsh's elegant sitting room in Arundel This multitude, rather more than a fashionable Mayfair art gallery could hope for on a brisk afternoon, will peer at the walls, and perhaps exchange a word or two with the artist whose watercolour landscapes they will have been looking at: one Emily Ball, sitting in a chintzy

Then they may wander on. perhaps to Renée Bodi-meade's house, two doors fur-ther along Maltravers Street. If they follow the map they will visit 31 Arundel addresses, mostly private homes, on the free Art Trail which is the main fringe event of the ten-day Arundel Festival.

"I suppose some people come in because they're nosy. they want to see what the house is like on the inside, and perhaps I ought to be a little nervous about security." Mrs Marsh said. "But most come because they're interested, and we provide the space because we believe in the spirituality of art and want to support young

Paintings, sculpture, textiles, engraved glass and ceramics are on the trail - even lace-making, in a hairdresser's window. One parlour has a notice begging: "Please do not bring food and drink into the gallery."

organised this year's trail, with Oliver Hawkins, an art lecturer and sculptor, "It's not necessarily good art," she said. "Anyone who wants to be in it can be. But the object is to give contemporary artists a showing, and the standard is surprisingly high." Her three sons, all successful

artists, have exhibited each year. Nick, the eldest, lives in Oxford where he organised a studio trail for the Oxford Art

"This is better." he said, in his mother's front room where shadow of the Duke of Norfolk NIGHTINGALE his own paintings are on and his castle, may seem



his drawings show a preoccupation

with forms resting in shadowy, cave-

like spaces. Sometimes they look

shackled and helpless, but elsewhere

they seem to be incubating. One

day, he implies, they will hatch as

spectacularly as his Granite Song. a carving recently placed on an island

in the River Teign, Devon. For the Dartmoor boulder has been split

open, as if by an unstoppable, internal force. The two halves are

exposed, and the serpentine lines

coursing through them offer an

affirmation of vitality. Despite the

misgivings he conveys elsewhere in

his work, here at least the germina-

tive principle still holds good.

Family business: Renée Bodimeade and her three artist sons. Miles, Matt and Nick

Jovial old soak looks a bit thin on top

subject to serious shrinkage of late. Last year, Prince Hal had to call Robert Stephens "a swollen parcel of dropsies", "a huge bombard of sack" and a "stuffed cloak-bag of guts". when he was dearly none of those things, but a slightly overweight old codger, wistfully observing his own decay. But if Supplens erred on the slim and sober side in the Royal Shakespeare Company's Henry IV, what are we to say about his successor in its Merry Wives? Benjamin Whitrow was surely customdesigned by nature to play Shadow, whom Falstaff himself said was as likely to be hit by an enemy marksman as the

edge of a penknife.
A cushion strapped to the belly, plus Frans Hals curls and a fluffy beard, cannot camouflage his thin man's nose, thin man's cheeks and. worse, thin man's tenor voice and quick, light movements. Whitrow is a fine actor, and moments, too. Yet the feeling might make something of the grows that David Thacker,

The Merry Wives of Windsor RST, Stratford

mournful, self-disgusted Falstaff of Henry IV Part Two. But The Merry Wives demands little but physical comedy of him. The laughter comes from the creaky wooing of a cum-bersome old soak, and then from his arthritic dismay as practical jokes are played on him by the women he wants to seduce. Whitrow, a spritely and graceful courtier, looks fully capable of pole-vaulting his way out of trouble.

He heads what must be one of the strongest casts recently assembled on this stage. Even the minor role of Mistress Quickly, marriage-broker and pander, is played by the formidable Barbara Jefford. Some actors, especially Anton Lesser as Ford and Ron Cook as Dr Caius, have wonderfully funny

who directs, does not altogether trust the cast, the script, or his own production. True. The Merry Wives is one of Shakespeare's glibber pieces, an Elizabethan sitcom aimed at those, starting with Elizabeth I, who wanted a sequel to the jokier parts of Henry IV. But it could be subtler than this. Few Elizabethan plays are

more precisely located. Shakespeare gives us bourgeois Windsor, with its living-rooms and pubs, its chattering wives and doleful schoolchildren. Yet Thacker opts for a look

and often a style best described as Carolean cartoon. William Dudley's flimsy timbered frontages and cutely twisting staircases seem meant to suggest a cardboard toyshop kit: and the figures parading round them are hardly more real. Mostly, they come in suits or dresses of one loud hue: pink for Misuress Quickly. purple or flame for Falstaff. This tends to encourage

broad effects rather than the

sly detail that has often made

past productions of the play so

amusing. That is presumably why the actors who wholeheartedly embrace caricature come off best. Cook's Caius, weirdly garbed in a conical hat and a waistcoat with buttons the size and shape of carnations, gives a hilarious imitation of a venomous pixie trying to pass himself off as one, two or all of the Three Musketeers. But the performance of the evening is Lesser's Ford, a thin-lipped suburbanite inside whom the obsessed Othello is turning somersaults of rage.

John Nettles is a big. welcoming Page, toothily exuding hearty tolerance. Cheryl Campbell and Gemma Jones are bright and winsome as the merry wives. Ford and Page: but what I shall mainly remember is Lesser leaping into the basket in which he thinks Falstaff is secreted, unable in his dementia to believe he isn't hiding under a sock. But then, with Whitrow playing the part. he might have been.

BENEDICT

show. "It's a simpler route strange. It began 15 years ago with more cohesion, and it's less self-conscious so that visitors feel more comfortable. The buyers are more often local people than not." Last year, said Oliver Haw-

kins, they decided to invite a successful artist to show and Albert Irvin put on an exhibition. "The other artists were greatly bucked by having someone like him, but the visitors made no distinction. They liked his work, but assumed he was another local Mrs Bodimeade has artist, so this year we haven't

bothered with guests." Ann Sutton is a textile weaver, lecturer and author, and Venue 6 is her studio, with its electronic loom and her own latest work on display. She started the trail four years ago. "The idea developed because there were so many decent artists living here that we thought we could make a trail just by opening our

studios," she says. That there is an arts festival at all in this Sussex market when the actor Patrick Ryecart suggested to his father-in-law. the Duke, that the Queen's silver jubilee could be celebrated with an open-air theatre event. Judith Buckland, wife of the then chief executive of the local council, organised it, became the director of subsequent festivals and is chairman this year.

hat is odd, she said, is for a town of 3,000 inhabitants to have an arts festival that attracts 20,000 people. "But we know we have to be ambitious if we are to survive." Older festivals in the region, such as Brighton's, Glyndebourne's or Petworth's, dictate the time of year Arundel's has to be. It has to compete for press coverage with Edinburgh and the

Proms and usually loses. Last week a report by the Policy Studies Institute showed that Britain at present has an astonishing 557 festivals. Not all will survive the recession and the pinch on local authority finances. Those trains from Victoria

run by amateurs were described as the most at risk. But the Arundel festival has signified its optimism by appointing the conductor

Graeme Jenkins as artistic director for at least three years. The appointment, which he acknowledges as "extremely brave of them", is an indication of how the festival board intends to guide the event. 'We know that our local authority grant may disappear in the next three years." one board member said. Being prepared for that means having sponsors in place not only to maintain what we've got but to enhance it with new

The presence of the Art Trail is welcomed by the festival. "It shows that there is personal commitment to the arts among the inhabitants, and it reinforces our belief that Arundel is right for the festival and the festival is right for Arundel," said Mrs Buckland

The Arundel Festival (0903 883474) runs until Sunday. Arundel can be reached from London via Network South East

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If you're white it's all right

Not just anybody can be an au pair, as a Swedish man discovered last week. But the rules are not only sexist, they could also be racist. Peter Barnard investigates

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ccording to old jokes told by old comedians, an au pair is a tall Swedish blonde female who is "comink to Britain for learning Engleesh". She is indolent at every angle except the horizontal, in which position she is an insatiable athlete with an alarming appetite for British men, who may include a member of the host household. In this way are the fine old French term au pair and the fine

rated by no more than a duvet cover. This image is of course an outra-geous slur, which would be the end of the matter were such stereotyping confined to unreconstructed comedians. But if a sexist, racist attitude to au pairs happens to pervade the Home Office and the Foreign Office, where

such jokes as circulate tend to be more obtuse, then something serious is afoot.

The case of the male impression Swedish au pair Johan Egelstedt, 19, we have is who was nearly de-ported this week for being of the "wrong" that the gender has highlighted a most interesting policy is plain problem. It appears that whereas advertisracist' ing for a female waiter, i.e., a waitress, is positively illegal, hir-

obligatory. She also has to be of a certain age (between 17 and 27). There is, however, a much more sensitive stipulation which was not highlighted in the Swedish case. According to the Home Office leaflet on au pairs, she "must be a national of a Western European Country, which includes Malta. Cyprus and Turkey". In the view of one large au

pair agency in Britain, The Britannia

ing a female au pair is positively

Agency, this is "plain racist". Now it happens that most nationals of western European countries are white. Both the Foreign Office and the Home Office deny racism. Each says that au pairs come from western Europe "by tradition" which might normally be a perfectly respectable argument: that is indeed the tradition, to a point. But is it "traditional" to admit, as au pairs, girls from Czechoslovakia and Hungary? No, it is not. Yet a "Statement of Changes in the Immigration Rules (House of Commons paper No. 670)" went through Parliament last October. It allows the admission as au pairs of girls from those countries, as from

The fact that they used to be communist states appears to indicate that political considerations were taken into account when the rules were compiled. "This goes back to the 1930s," Mike Davies, information officer at Britannia, says. "The gov-ernment was terrified of people getting into the country under some pretext and turning out to be spies. Then eastern Europe became com-munist so that became the fear. But it is all out of date now and the system

needs cleaning up." There is another arm to the official position: it discourages girls from coming to Britain from places far afield, such as South America or the Far East, because of the increased risk that they could be exploited. A girl who has travelled a long way may put up with a lot rather than face the journey back, even if she could raise the fare. There is also an implicit

assumption that some employers might expect girls from outside Europe to be willing to undertake more-menial tasks and work longer hours. This argument un-

doubtedly has some merit, although officialdom appears to have few qualms when the traffic is in the other direction. Agencies such as Britannia send English au pairs to the United States, Canada and South America, apparently without too many of them

coming to grief. It may be that the European Community will have something to say about all of this. Josep Panigya, administrator in the EC's department covering workers and immigration policy, said: "The question of au pairs is a very delicate matter and we have been looking at some draft proposals. The question is whether or not an au pair is a worker under Article 49 of the Treaty of Rome, which covers free movement of labour. At present we simply have not decided."

The Home Office accepts that au pairs have right of entry under legislation covering all EC nationals but the dichotomy remains: is an au pair really a worker, given that Home Office rules forbid her from "working" more than five hours a day, limit her duties to certain household tasks, and stipulate that she should receive

"pocket money", not a wage?
Britain and some other EC countries treat au pairs as students whose primary purpose is to learn the host language. But the agencies which bring them to Britain come under the aegis of the Department of Employment. Indeed. legitimate agencies have been pressing the department to



street operators" that bring in girls without defining the conditions under which they are here. This often leads to them working full-time. Mr Davies says: "You get girls who find themselves being full-time child minders. There have been cases where children less than a year old have been left in the hands of au pairs while the parents work all day. That is what the government ought to be tackling; instead it wastes time trying to define au pairs by country of origin and gender. It is appalling and the impression we have is that the policy plain racist. It is antediluvian.

There are signs of a divide in Whitehall. The Home Office is the main player and the toughest one. via its immigration and nationality department. In a letter to Britannia last December, the department said that "by tradition [the au pair system] has been a Western European arrangement". This week the department confirmed this position.

Officially, the Foreign Office takes the same line even down to using the same phrases. Lord Brabazon of Tara, then minister of state at the Foreign Office, wrote to Britannia in 1990 saying that the au pair system "has by long tradition been a

But the Foreign Office, which handles the cultural aspects of the au pair system, mainly through the British Council, has some officials who say privately that the rules could be more relaxed. They believe that the present system of discrimination may damage the image of Britain abroad.

nd there has been some stretching of the word "tra-dition". In fact the restric-Lations on au pairs go back only to 1980, when the need for domestic servants coming to Britain from EC countries to have work permits was scrapped. There was pressure, from potential employers and some agencies, to allow in au pairs from non-EC countries, but the government, fearing that people would bring in domestic servants posing as an pairs, introduced the vestern European" rule.

Au pairs are also in the unlikely position of having a place in one of those lofty documents that goes by the name of an Helsinki Accord. This is a long-standing agreement signed by most European countries (including France, Spain and Austria but excluding Britain) and it forbids discrimination against an au pair on the background. That contributes to the "delicacy" of the EC position, because if some members accept au pairs from anywhere, and some do not, consensus could be hard to achieve.

The issue may be at the heart of the review of immigration rules promised this week by Kenneth Clarke, the

home secretary.
No official figures are available, but agencies estimate that 10,000 au pairs come to Britain every year. Those from EC countries (which does not include Sweden) need no documentation, those from outside the EC host family. But even with such a letter, a girl from Brazil, for example, will probably be turned back at

The Oxford Dictionary defines au pair as someone "paid for by mutual services (no money passing)". In a sub-definition it describes au pair girl as a "young, usually foreign woman helping with housework etc in return for room and and board". The conservative compilers of the OED roay be forgiven for implying that all au pairs are necessarily female, but at least they leave the Home Office to inflict a dubious definition of the word "foreign".

One rule for them ...

Racial segregation has become enshrined in law in the

European Commission's backyard

rocrats and conjure up vague visions of chocolates and lace. Tell this same audience, then, that in inner-city Brussels the local authorities operate laws akin to the Group Areas Act that was the backbone of apartheid in South Africa, and many may wonder if we are talking about the same place. To officials in the town hall of Forest, one of the 19 communes that constitute the local government patchwork of Brussels, racial segregation is a bit of a joke. "I mean, if a Saudi Arabian shaikh comes to us with an oil well and all that, well he can live here. We just don't want people with no money. Canadians, Americans, they're fine," an admin-istrator in the population department says. And Moroc-

cans and Turks who want w

move here from another part of the city? Presumably they -

alk to most people about Brussels and they

think of well-heeled Eu-

the impoverished ones at least - are not welcome. The practices of the communes evoke little protest because they are approved by all the main political parties leaving only the Human Rights League and other, local, anti-racist groups to object. To liberal politicians the laws of racial segregation. which are enforced in six of the 19 inner city communes, make eminent sense; they say they make it easier to control racial tension. To compare them with the group areas acts in South Africa is nonsense," says Herman de Croo, a Flemish liberal deputy who is a close friend of Jean Gol, a francophone liberal who intro-

duced the laws in 1985 when

he was minister of justice.

evertheless, Article 18 of the Belgian Immigration Act - the socalled Gol law - states: "The King can, under a proposal by the minister of Justice ... prohibit, for a set period, non-EC foreigners ... from staying or living in certain communes if he judges that the growth of the foreign population in the communes is damaging to the public interest." In May, the law was extended to 1995. The extension was approved by parliament without controversy, and by a large majority. Among the Belgian authorities, cynicism over the law prevails. "This law concerns very few people," an official in the Ministry of Immigration says. "In a way it is pure demagoguery to impress the crowd."

Anti-racist groups in Brus-sels, such as MRAX (Movement Against Racism, Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia) say that the Gol laws have encouraged ghettos. MRAX

points out that, while the numbers of North Africans moving to communes that apply the laws actually increased between 1983 and 1988 (because the Gol laws do not prevent spouses from joining parmers, along with their children under 18), many immigrants are now frightened of even trying to move. MRAX has lodged many

complaints about individuals turned down by communes One man, "HK", an 82-year. old Turk moved to Belgium in 1990 to live with his son, who had been resident in Brussels since 1967 (Belgium stopped mass immigration in 1974). The commune of Schaerbeck -- ironically the commune where the European Commission is situated - refused "HK" an identity card. HK is still living with his son, but without documents and he could technically be deported.

etting communes to talk about the Gol laws is not easy. In Forest town hall, the secretary for the "population" division says he cannot talk to journal ists without permission. His assistants are a little more helpful, providing photocopies of the Gol law and a record of Forest's latest debate on maintaining it.

The record of the commune debate of 14 May, 1990, notes that Forest has a "lack offe money, and considers that too big a concentration of foreign nationals in areas that are already run-down could provoke racist and xenophobic reaction contrary to efforts towards integration". Forest does have a race problem; immigrants rioted in the quarter last summer after an incident in which a young Moroccan stopped by police refused to show his papers. A four-hour orgy of burning cars, pelting police and looting followed. A disco, Le Bain-Baden, which refused entry to North Africans, was also attacked.

Forest's figures show that last year there were 6.685 non-EC foreigners in the commune, or 14.5 per cent of its population, up from 13.8 per cent in 1989. That year 28 applicants were refused permission to live in the commune: in 1990 ii were refused and last year, four.

These figures could indicate that Forest is accepting more immigrants. The commune refuses to release figures for the number of applicants. It seems more likely that the declining rate of refusals indicates that, while growing. Brussels' immigrant communities are not trying to move where they are clearly not wanted.

TOM WALKER

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Last of the toys for the real boys

Ugly, unglamorous and awkward to fly, the Phantom jet fighter will

nevertheless be sorely missed

shave this morning? Good. For it is quite likely that, not too long ago, your sharp blade was burding through the sky as part of Britain's most powerful fighter

jet, the F4 Phantom. Later this month. Britain's last squadron of Phantoms will touch down at RAF Wattisham. Suffolk, and taxi to their reinforced shelters. As the pilots shut down the engines, an army of mechanics will be waiting with cutting tools and wrenches to begin the task of stripping them down. Within days, the former main fighter of the Royal Air Force will be heading for the scrapheap.

Life as a razor blade seems a humiliating fate for an aero-plane which has faithfully served the RAF in the Falklands. Germany and Britain for the past 24 years. Built for the American Navy and one of the main strike aircraft during the Vietnam war, the F4 is being phased out as part of the defence cuts in the Options for Change programme.

Enthusiasts go to hell and back in their quest to restore Spitfires and other vintage aircraft to their former glory. So it seems hard to believe that a fighter which broke 15 aviation records when it first took to the air in the late 1950s is being sold for scrap for as

little as £150 a tonne. The Phantom may lack the glamour of the Tornado F3 or the Harrier, but makes up for it in sheer, raw power. Since the 1960s, aircreus have poked fun at its looks. The Americans call it "the Rhino". East Anglia. Until early last year, the base was kept in a state of "quick reaction alert",

To the British, it is "Doubly Ugly" and the "Toom" — as in

'back end of a Phan-toom". But place the Phantom on the end of the runway at RAF Wattisham, fully loaded with 21,500 pounds of fuel, and who cares about appearances? Crank up the twin Rolls-Royce Spey reheated turbofan engines, release the brakes, and 25 tonnes of aluminium, titanium and steel leap away. rapidly gathering speed. Engage the reheat — or after-burner — injecting fuel directly into the hot exhaust gases in the tailpipe guttering and three or four seconds later, 40,000 pounds of thrust - the force of 60 Formula One racing cars — push the pilot and navigator back in their seats. Into the air at 160 knots, wheels up, and the Phantom soars skyward on nine-foot jets

On a typical training sortie, a crew can reach North Wales on the other side of the country - in 20 minutes. Then it is down into the valleys, hugging the contours at 250 feet at an airspeed of 450 knots - seven-and-a-half miles a minute - as greens and browns, roads, farmhouses, rivers and dams flash below with the clear, precise motion of a speeded-up film. Out of the Welsh valleys at

500 miles an hour and minutes later, the Phantom is back over Wattisham, lining up on the runway lights. Changes in Europe and the former Soviet Union have reached out to this corner of



F4 friends: Flight Lieutenant Glen Littlejohns (left) and Flying Officer Pete Stopforth

or QRA. Two Phantoms. fully armed with four Sidewinder heat-seeking missiles, four Skyflash radar-guided missiles and a six-barrel Gatting gun capable of blasting our 100 rounds a second, were housed in shelters at the end of the runway, ready to roll at the first hint of an incoming enemy. Ten minutes after the first call and the aircraft would be soaring out towards the North Sea to intercept.

uch Cold war tactics have no place today. In the past two years, 60 RAF Phantoms have been sold for scrap. The number of Phantom squadrons has dwindled from five to one; first with the closure of an air-base at Wildenrath in Germany and more recently in the Falklands, where the task of patrolling the islands has been

handed on to the Tornado F3. Thirteen Phantoms are in service at the moment.

On July I, 56 (F) Squadron formally stood down at RAF Wattisham, leaving 74 (F) Squadron, "the Tigers", in residence until the end of the month. That squadron stands down on October 1 and another chapter in the history of the RAF will be over. The 74 (F) Squadron title will be handed across to a Hawk training unit at Valley in Anglesey. Rumour has it that the Army Air Corps plans to base two regiments of helicopters at Wattisham, saving the base from closure, but life for the local community will never

be the same. "Wattisham has been a front-line station for 53 years," Group Captain Tony Alcock. the station commander, says.

world war were carried out from here against Wilhelmshaven using Blenheims. RAF Phantoms have not seen direct conflict but have been a major contributor to the policing of Germany and the Falklands.

'It is a well-loved beast: it looks like a war machine and carries a significant spectrum of weapons. The aircraft itself represents the last real man's machine. It makes a lot of noise and is very effective still despite its age."

The Phantom has always been a war machine," Wing Commander Nick Spiller, commander of 74 (F) Squadron, says. "There's nothing delicate or pretty about it and it's difficult to fly by today's standards. You're working very hard flying it, but if you can fly it well, it's unbeatable."

The aircraft had a chance to

show off its firepower over

Phantom shot down a Jaguara by mistake during an exertify cise," says Wg Cdr Spiller. bet "One crew forgot they were fully armed, rolled in behind a Jaguar and fired a missile. It cut the tail off clean as a carving knife." The pilot managed to bail out. The F4 is expensive to run.

Germany in May 1982. "A

It burns as much fuel in an hour as a Boeing 757 airliner carrying 150 passengers and is difficult to maintain. But to

the pilots it can do no wrong.
"The Phantom is still the most powerful aircraft in the RAF," says Squadron Leader Dominic Riley, former deputy leader of the Red Arrows display team, who has logged 1,500 hours on the F4. "They were designed for a maximum life of 1,000 hours but ours have clocked an average of 5,000 hours thanks to modifications. They were planned to be flown until 2003 and to by replaced by the European

ighter Aircraft." For a time it was hoped the Wattisham F4s would end their days serving with the Greek Airforce but the deal fell through. Their passing will be marked by parades and flypasts next month.

Local residents say they will miss the roar of the Phantoms and the antics of their crew. "We'll miss the boys," says Ted Henderson, who owns The Crown hotel in Bildeston, a egendary local watering hole. We get so used to the aeroplanes that we don't even

notice them," Perhaps most poignant for the flight crews is a letter from a local widow who writes of the Phantoms: "Their noise to me has been not a nuisance but a comfort, especially a help on sleepless nights. I'm not alone in saying 'We will miss them'."

JON ASHWORTH

Hiller Marie

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She had a persistent cough, but when she went to her GP, he said it was an upper respiratory tract infection and gave her antibiotics. It was when she started to suffer night sweats that she began to panic, so she went back to her GP who suggested a chest X-ray. From

there things happened fast.
When the X-ray revealed the telltale shadow of TB, the hospital rang her GP to try to contact her, but Ms Brown is not on the phone: the first sign she had of the gravity of her illness was when her mother came rushing round. The doctor had got through to my mum and told her I was really ill. My mum came to find me and told me to go to the GP immediately. He sent me to the hospital where I had another X-ray and they kept me in."

She was shattered by the diagnosis and convinced that she was going to die. She was kept in hospital for a week and all the members of her immediate family were tested. Fortunately her baby was found to be negative, but her younger sister of 13 was positive and also had to have treatment.

Ms Brown's case illustrates some of the problems of TB. Many people think that the disease is dead and therefore do not realise that they are at risk. Consequently they delay going to the doctor, and by the time they do, they are seriously ill.

Moreover, in some areas, the health professionals themselves are equally unaware of the disease. TB, first identified by Robert Koch in 1882, was declining so rapidly in the 1950s and 1960s that medical students in the 1970s saw little of it. and many doctors now assume that it went out with the high Victorian wing collars designed to hide the scars it left behind.

"I thought it had died with the plague," says Jackie Marshall, a clinical assistant in the chest clinic at the Whittington Hospital, north London. "But when I came to work here, I found it was alive and well and raging in the inner city."

Dr Marshall and her boss, Norman Johnson, a consultant chest physician, saw 56 new and follow-up cases last month, and the

Cases of tuberculosis, a disease widely thought to have been eradicated long ago, are increasing. Annabel Ferriman reports

seen 29 in the last two months. "Some cases are tragic." Dr creases in the UK is not significant. Marshall says. "We had one

woman, with a two-year-old child, admitted before Christmas who was desperately ill. Her husband had beaten her up and left her, because she bad become too rundown to do the housework. We were worried that she was going to die and that her son was infected. Luckily she recovered, and we discovered that the child had been vaccinated at birth and was there fore protected, though we are

ional figures show that cases of TB increased 1987 to 5,504 last year, while figwes up to the middle of August this year show a 4.5 per cent increase over last year. Although such totals are nothing compared with the

still monitoring him." Nat-

1940s, when the disease was known as the Great White Plague and 23.000 people a year died from it, they are still Robert Koch: founding father worrying. Doctors want to

know why the steady fall of the post-war years. brought about by improved living conditions, effective treatment and vaccination, has halted and a resurgence begun.

In some cities in the United States, TB has become rampant, largely because people suffering from HIV and Aids are contracting it due to their weakened immune systems (see below). Is Britain going to follow suit?

"I hope that we will not see the high rate of HIV-related cases in this country that they are seeing in the US, but perhaps I am being complacent," says John Moore-Gillon, consultant chest physician at St Bartholomew's and the Homerton Hospitals, London.

"We have a BCG vaccination programme here, which they do not have in the US, and that is a big

"The evidence that HIV infection is responsible for the recent inbecause the extra cases have not been disproportionately among young and middle-aged men.

which is the group with the highest incidence of HIV, but among young women and old people." Two factors are considered important in its spread: recent influxes of immigrants and refugees from countries where it is prevalent, such as Somalia and Kurdistan, and an increase in deprivation. "We have seen a lot of people coming into the country in the last few

years, often as refugees rather than immi-grants and in any mobile population there is a high incidence of the disease, hecause of poverty and overcrowded conditions," Dr Moore-Gillon says. "The disease has

always been strongly linked to deprivation and we have probably got more people living in poverty than a few years ago," he adds. The disease is spread by infected droplets coughed up

from the lungs, so overcrowding helps its dissemination. "But it is important that TB is not just seen as a disease of the poor and immigrant communities, because cases will be missed." Some of Dr Moore-Gillon's pa-

tients are well-off and middle-class. One of them, Sarah Green, a 32year-old City solicitor, first realised something was wrong when she was watching The Barber of Seville at the London Coliseum. "I had such bad chest pain that I

could not move," she says. "I had to be helped out of the theatre. The next morning I was immobile. I thought I must have strained some muscle at aerobics."

Doctors were perplexed by her case and it took four months to diagnose because she was in the early stages. Eventually it was confirmed by a tissue sample from the lung, and after standard treat-

never travelled by underground again, because she is convinced that she caught it from the overcrowded conditions.

Despite the fact that TB has some affluent victims and is connected to such romantic figures as Keats, Browning and Balzac, it is still surrounded by taboos and shame. Women from ethnic minorities are often rendered unmarriageable by the diagnosis, while others are terrified of the isolation it can

Despite the resurgence of the disease, however, it is still low on the public health agenda. As the British Medical Journal highlighted last week, some district health authorities are abandoning vaccination of school children, which is usually carried out between 11 and 13 and gives 70 per cent immunity, because they believe that the cost is mot justified.

Many inner city hospitals have a policy of vaccinating newborn babies of mothers from ethnic minorities, but the practice has been criticised as racist by community leaders and consequently some districts, such as Hackney, east London, offer vaccination to all newborns.

Screening is also usually carried out when immigrants and refugees arrive in this country. They are examined by the port of arrival medical officer and the results are sent to the district where they are going to live.

It is an imperfect system, however, because when someone arrives they might tell the authorities they are going to settle in Hackney, intending to do so, but actually end up in Tower Hamlets, so they are not always followed up.
"Every new immigrant to the

country is meant to go to their local chest clinic for an X-ray, but our TB clinic is so busy seeing new patients and contacts of people diagnosed that we are falling behind in screening new arrivals," says Dr Moore-Gillon, who has seen 50 new cases this year.

Doctors believe more research is needed into the spread of the disease; next year will see the start of a TB notification survey, to monitor who is contracting it and

People should not be paranoid about the disease, but health care professionals need to keep TB in mind," says Dr Moore-Gillon. "If it is perceived as a disease of the past. doctors will miss it and people will



Frances Barber on her deathbed as the RSC's Camille: TB is taboo, despite its romantic associations

IN AMERICA 'FORGOTTEN' ILLNESSES THRIVE ON COMPLACENCY

comeback in America. Like sequels to blockbuster films, they return in increasingly violent forms, wreaking more havor than before.

Seven years ago, the United States had the lowest tuberculosis rate in modern history. Improvements in hygiene, nutrition and medicine ensured its steady decline and, by 1985, the number of TB patients was at an all-time low of 22,000. Yet by 1991, that number had risen 16 per cent to 25,700, and increasingly people were suffering a new - and usually fatal - strain of drug-resistant

There are parallel leaps in the incidence of other controllable diseases. The number of Hepatitis B cases has doubled in five years, syphilis in ten. For every case of measles in 1985, there are now nine. The sharpest rise has been of Aids patients, from 10,000 in 1985 to 225,000.

These are national figures, but in the poorest sections of American society. among migrant labourers, prisoners and the homeless, the TB and HIV epidemics outdo most of the developing world. How

nce-dead diseases are making a has America, the home of state-of-the-art and risky lifestyles not only increase the medicine, turned itself into a breeding ground for infectious diseases? Dr William Roper, director of the Centres for Disease Control (CDC), which monitor epidemics and fund prevention, says: When vaccination and prevention programmes began succeeding, the country got complacent about public health. Programmes for childhood vaccinations and the prevention of tuberculosis and sexually transmitted diseases suffered."

The problem is that when vaccination programmes are working well, the results are invisible. It is assumed that diseases have been largely wiped out. Success meant that the CDC's budget suffered during the Reagan years until recognition of the Aids crisis meant funding improved. By then, however, the damage was done, and half of all two-year-olds had missed out on immunisation.

Even if vaccination is available, the cost of a visit to the doctor - from \$50 to \$90 (£25 to £45) — deters many parents. The epidemics have also fed on growing drug use and homelessness, particularly hepatitis, TB and Aids. "Intravenous drug users with frequent sex partners

chance of disease, but increasingly mean it is passed on to children at birth," Joyce Goth, a CDC spokewoman, says.

In the past, those most likely to get TB were the middle-aged and elderly. Now the disease's most likely victim is a young adult. In Harlem, New York, TB infection is 20 times the national rate. Worse still, almost 90 per cent of patients at Harlem Hospital failed to finish their course of antibiotics once the TB symptoms went away, leaving some of the germs dormant in their bodies. If those germs reactivate, they are resistant to some drugs.

This has meant that cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis have doubled in New York. City doctors now expect 5 per cent of their TB patients to die. As hospitals overflow, and patients are returned to streets, not homes, there is talk of bringing back the old institution

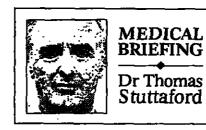
of the sanatorium. As the public health care system sags under the onslaught, the CDC's cry, that every dollar spent on vaccination saves \$14 in medical costs, goes unheard.

KATE MUIR

Cot death and depression

EVEN if a new mother's hormonal balance hasn't been knocked for six by a pregnancy, delivery and lactation, she has to cope with round the clock responsibility for another, helpless, human being at a time when she has been made weary by 40 weeks of pregnancy, and possibly exhausted by labour. Many people consider that the emotional turmoil which results from the hormonal changes, and the change of lifestyle occasioned by the baby's arrival mean that "baby blues". "sad day blues" and all the euphemisms used to describe the anticlimax, mild depression and occasionally disappointment felt by some mothers are inevitable. Not only is this not so but the danger is that the euphemisms can too easily be used by doctors to dismiss as unimportant the early signs and symptoms of true post-

natal depression or other psychosis. The Royal College of Psychiatrists has recently called for a routine questionnaire to assess the mood of women at their post-



study published in the Journal of Paediatric Health. In the New Zealand survey the questionnaire advocated by the Royal College of Psychiatrists was given to 638 mothers a month after delivery, by which time any "baby blues" should have vanished. They found that overall 16.1 per cent of mothers were still

A disturbing statistic was that 45.5 per cent of the mothers whose child later became a victim of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), better known as cot death, had shown signs of depression.

well-known risk factors in SIDS such a smoking, the child's sleeping position, th socioeconomic and marital status of the mother, it was still found that the cl death rate in mothers who were depresse was well over three times that of those wh were more cheerful.

These figures, startling as they ar relate to New Zealand, where SIDS more common than in Britain. Th statistics are certainly not evidence this infanticide is more common than sur posed but they do uncover an associatic between depression and S1DS. D pressed mothers will not be so alert to th minor changes in their child's condition or possibly as careful of the control of i environment. The New Zealand resear, should be put in perspective, as Pul. magazine says the survey's statistics als show that women with post-natal depre sion could be reassured that 99.7 per cer of their babies will not die from SID; Conversely, doctors should take note a the association and be even more alert & post-natal depression.

Sounding out deafness

simple though revolutionary technique for Adetecting deafness in unborn children has been developed at the Royal Maternity Hospital in Belfast - and has proved in tests to be 100 per cent accurate.

al boy

Before now, deafness has not been detectable antenatally. When it becomes evident at about two years through an infant's lack of response to speech or normal domestic sounds, behavioural patterns of both child and parents have become estab-lished. Two years of lost speech-based communication

cannot be regained. "Acquisition of language is essentially a passive process, through the mother's talking." says Peter Hepper, a research psychologist at Queen's University. Belfast. "She just assumes her child can hear, so will talk to it even if it is deaf. But if you know it is deaf from the outset you can get much more direct one-to-one interactions in other, principally visual ways. You teach the mother that there is no point in talking because her baby cannot hear but she can still communicate and establish a rapport by

doing these other things." The breakthrough was principally the work of Sara Shahid, a 26-year-old research fellow at Queen's University, whose results were presented at the British Congress of Obstetnics and Gynaecology at Manchester this summer. The results were a spin-off from a wider research programme in

A new technique will give early detection of hearing impairment



Early warning: Dr Sara Shahid and Dr Peter Hepper

foetal behaviour and neural development which Dr Hepper has been directing for Queen's for the past four years with grant funding from the Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust and, surprisingly, Nato. The defence alliance has a policy of encouraging scientific research into such non-military topics as neural

development, Dr Shahid's technique depends upon the relatively recent development of ultrasonic scanning of babies in the womb. Since expectant mothers now normally undergo at least one scan during their pregnancy, the technique can be introduced quite cheaply. She applies a computer- hearing."

generated sound by pressing a small speaker to the mother's abdomen while the reaction of the foetus is simultaneously determined by ultrasonic scan. If there is no reaction it could mean that the foetus is in the sleep-like state which wider research into foetal behaviour has shown exists. The test therefore combines both light and sound, with a cold halogen light being applied to the

abdomen, too. "We don't know precisely how it appears to the foetus. possibly as a diffused glow. But if it is awake it certainly reacts," Dr Shahid says. "If it then does not respond to sound, the certainty is that it is deaf or will have impaired

Dr Hepper's wider research programme has shown that a foetus hears from about 18 weeks - some six or seven weeks earlier than had previously been thought. So with the test done at the appropriate time, both the mother and her carers can have as much as 20 weeks' notice that a child will be deat.

r Shahid has tested more than 1,000 children, now born, at Belfast's Royal Maternity Hospital where more than 3.000 are delivered annually. They were from two groups of mothers, assessed as normal, or at high risk in those cases of women with a family history of deafness, or where either parent is deaf.

Her test has provided an accuracy of 100 per cent in predicting both deafness or normal hearing. "All babies who responded to both sound and light in the womb proved to have normal hearing; those who responded only to light but not to sound proved, postnatally, to be deaf," she says. Deafness was diagnosed in 1.8 per cent of the babies tested. Northern Ireland does not have an unusual incidence of impaired hearing.

"Using this technique is really only a matter of training people using ultrasound to watch for the appropriate reactions when they apply sound and light," Dr Hepper says.

Robert R RODWELL It was first described in 1687

natal examination. Support for this plea After allowance had been made for all the has now come from New Zealand in a

Bush's middle course

THE startling headline "Is President Bush brain damaged?" in the American journal New Republic and the London Evening Standard seems to have been answered by his speech at the Republican Party rally when he was back on his old form. However the president is now in his late sixtles and has aged all too obviously in his four years at the White House where he has suffered from thyrotoxicosis

with cardiac complications. formance is perhaps no more than an indication of the difficulty experienced in controlling thyroid function once an over-active thyroid has been wholly, or partially destroyed, whether by surgery. chemotheraphy or radioactive isotopes. The truth is that the president's mood is now con-

The president's variable perpresident has suffered and trolled by pills prescribed by

further heart trouble; too little and he will become apathetic. Americans will in future be better informed on the state of their president's health as the New England Journal of Medicine has recently reviewed the problems an overactive thyroid can cause the heart. Atrial fibrillation rapid irregular heartbeat — is a complication from which the

his doctor. A little bit too much and the president will

risk overactivity and possibly

which can give rise to a stroke. This complication is up to 40 times more common in patients with thyrotoxicosis as in the general population, and 13 per cent of patients who are fibrillating are, after investigation, found to have an overactive thyroid. Thyrotoxicosis can also be the cause of previously unexplained con-



gestive cardiac failure, and may uncover, or exacerbate. existing angina. In the president's case, as in 50 per cent of cases of thyrotoxicosis in the elderly, the disease was only detected as a result of the symptoms it produced -- there was no change in appearance.

Rash appearances in the Balkans

THE Department of Health advises pensioners to fill their retirement with activity, and Sir Donald Acheson, the government's former chief medical officer, is doing just that, exchanging a desk in Whitehall for the Balkan battlefields.

Sir Donald said this week Scabies does not only affect the dirty but occurs wherever that scabies was among the epidemics which was already there is close skin-to-skin consweeping the area. Scabies is tact and is therefore readily caused by a small mite which spread throughout families, or burrows into the skin, thereby groups of strangers huddling setting up an intense irritatogether for warmth and emotion. There is often secondary tional comfort. It has been infection and a widespread suggested that even in times of eczematous rash. Scabies is peace it is more common in spread by skin-to-skin contact.

likely to hold hands in the and has been associated with warfare. Previous epidemics playground than boys. Scabies have peaked in 1918 and is also frequently passed on during sexual intercourse, so 1945. War cannot be the whole story as these epidemics frequently that in the army it started before 1914 and 1939 used to be considered as respectively and affected couninevitably sexually transmitted unless the sufferer was above tries not involved.

the rank of major. The mite burrows into the skin so that even when killed by one of the many scabicides available the irritation continues for weeks. The cream should always be applied when the patient is warm and the skin pores are open. The whole family, or community girls' schools than boys' in the case of overcrowded schools as girls are much more refugees, will need treatment.

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Ford's plan to bridge Jaguar's sales gap

Kevin Eason

celebrates 70 years of Jaguar but wonders if it can keep its identity

f the start 70 years ago on the top floor of a gloomy Blackpool factory was unlikely. then the end could have been expensive and ignominious. The name of Jaguar is one of the most famous in motoring, as recognisable to a Third World street workerwith little more than dreams of fast cars and race tracks as it is to the head of a multi-national concern wondering whether the company budget will stretch to a prestige car with that special something.
The origins of Jaguar were

humble. William Lyons scraped together £1.000 of capital and moved into the top floor of a factory in Bloomfield Road, Blackpool, in 1922. His vehicles could not have been more different in style, power and performance from the Big Cats that came later. The name was different, too: it was under the Swallow Side Car Company banner that the young engineer started to fulfil ambitions.

Today, on Jaguar's 70th anniversary, executives will toast the fact that Jaguar is still in business, despite traumas over the years that almost killed the Big Cats.

Nick Scheele, the new chairman and as different in style and background from Sir William as it is possible to be, last week said simply that Jaguar was lucky to be alive. If it had not been for the £1.6 billion takeover by Ford in November, 1989, the company would have been finished by tumbling sales and huge financial losses.



From modest beginnings: early SS Swallow sidecar, foreground; postwar XK120, and the latest XJ220

Sales fell by 40 per cent and production this year will be down to same legendary standards and image nurtured by William Lyons? 23,000, less than half the capacity of Jaguar's headquarters plant at Browns Lane, Coventry. In the The next generation of engines will not be the silky smooth six and struggle for survival during the last three years. 5.000 workers have lost 12-cylinder motors of the past. The their jobs. The comforting arm of a American parent announced this multinational should help Jaguar week that Jaguars will use V8 to sort out its manufacturing diffiengines built by Ford at Bridgend

Apart from that, increasing numbers of components will come from the Ford parts bin while others will be bought in from the best suppliers available. Air-conditioners, for example, will be Japanese.

So will the next generation of Jaguars be merely Fords with the Big Cat badge? There seems no doubt that as regards commercial survival, a car manufactureer capable of making only 50.000 cars a year is on a hiding to nothing. Ford wants Coventry to make

100,000 cars a year by spreading the model range to include a new smaller car, like the old MkII, and a new sports model to add to the current XJS and XJ saloon line-up.

However, the flirtation with conglomerates nearly ended in disaster once before when Sir William handed Jaguar over to the old British Leyland. By 1980, the business was effectively finished as

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production fell to 14,000 cars a

It took another entrepreneur, Sir John Egan, to pull the business back from the brink. He succeeded to such an extent that Jaguar became a symbol of the 1980s boom, a jewel in the crown of the

50,000 cars in 1988. Sir William, if he was alive today,

would no doubt be delighted at the ability of the marque he created to survive. I am not so sure he would be delighted to see it watered down. Sir William guided Jaguar with an inspiration that led to the production of some of the greatest cars

to come from any motor manufacturer. The glamorous line-up in-cludes the XK120, the MkII and the astonishing E-Type, a 150mph sports car launched in 1961 but which still looks prettier than anything that has followed.

The culmination was probably the old Series III saloon, often

low Side Car Company to Cov entry in 1928 after the station master at Blackpool said the vehicles cluttered up the car park.

The first sidecars cost [28 and

☐ In 1935 Lyons decided Swallow was too soft a name and chose laguar from a list of animals. □ An XJ120 was the first car to 100mph. □ In 1951, Jaguar scored the

first of five Le Mans wins. ☐ During the second world war, laguar made components for ☐ For 40 years, Jaguar used the

same XK six-cylinder engine.

Probably the most famous Jaguar is the E-Type.

☐ The longest-serving Jaguar the XJS, was introduced in 1975. ☐ The first SS Jaguars used engines from Standard cars. A tuning expert who surveyed the fledging \$\$90 sports car told Lyons: Your car reminds me of an overdressed lady with no ns — there's nothing under

hailed during the mid 1980s as the best car in the world.

The common quality for all of those cars was their individuality. Jaguars could be mistaken for no other make; everyone, from the voungest schoolboy to grandmothers interested more in shopping trolleys than cars, could identify them. But enthusiasts will be wondering whether anyone will be able to distinguish a Jaguar from a Ford or a BMW by the turn of the

In the worst scenario, Jaguars will be much like any other executive car. At best, Jaguar will live on and Ford might yet spring a surprise and allow the production

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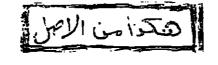
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8.30 Joker in the Pack. Marti Caine presents the last in the series featuring amateur cornedians. (Ceefax) (s) (2520)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (2742)



Something rotten: Neil Pearson (centre) investigates (9.30pm)

9.30 Between the Lines.

 CHOICE: Yet another police series, you may groan, but this 13parter created by J.G. Wilsher does seem to have found a new angle. It is about investigations within the force and the tensions which arise when the police have to be judge and jury in their own cases. Neil Pearson (of *Drop the Dead Dankey*) plays Tony Clark, a pushy young detective hoping for promotion to the Flying Squad who finds himself having to root out corruption at his own station. The main storyline, about officers taking kick-backs from laundered drugs money, sustains a tense and exciting narrative, filmed with convincing realism. At the same time we have glimpses of Clark's life off-duty, revealing him as a womaniser enjoying an extra-marital affair with a WPC. On the early evidence Between the Lines is the best new cop show since Jimmy Nail's Spender. (Ceefax) (s)

10.20 Proms On One. James Naughtie introduces the last of four concerts from this year's Proms. The German pianist plays Grieg's Piano Concert in A minor, and the BBC Symphony Orchestra performs Shostakovitch's satirical work Hypothetically Murdered (s) (4745907)

11.30 Film: Lisa and the Devil (1976) starring Telly Savalas, Elke Sommer and Robert Alda. A muddled concoction of devil worship and exorcism, set in a mysterious house in a Spanish town, where a tourist finds herself at the mercy of a distinctly odd family. Directed by Mario Bava (156029) 1.05am Weather (8980308)

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6.45 Open University: ArS — King Cotton's Palace (6287520). Ends at 7.10. 8.00 Breakfast News (9574162)

8.15 Bitten by the Bug. The mating rituals of insects (r) (9597013) 8.30 The Italians. A profile of model Mirella D'Angelo (r) (36810) 9.00 Protecting the Park. The problems faced by local councils trying to protect the Peak District national park (r) (27162)

9.30 Film: Brewster's Millions (1945, b/w) starring Dennis O'Keefe. Comedy about a GI who returns home after the war to discover that he has inherited eight million dollars — on condition that he spends more than one million in two months. Re-made in 1985 starring Richard Pryor. Directed by Allan Dwan (3028094) 10.50 Film: Obsession (1948, b/w) starring Robert Newton and Sally Gray. A vengeful doctor plans the perfect murder. Directed by Edward Dmytryk (40941181)

12.25 The History Man. The story of the Border Reivers (r) (7487013) 12.30 Black Napoleon. A documentary about Toussaint L'Ouverture, a former slave who, in 1804, helped Haiti to become the first black republic (r) (5511926) 1.20 Postman Pat (r) (69500075) 1.35 Weekend Outlook (r) (78086487) 1.40 In The Making.

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5.40 Look Stranger. A portrait of novelist Elma Williams (r) (507433)
6.00 Film: The Paleface (1948).

 CHOICE: Like Marilyn Monroe, Jane Russell was launched in films on the basis of her generous bust measurement and demonstrated that she was more than a sex bomb. The Paleface, her third film after her notoriously publicised debut in The Outlaw, found her felicitously teamed with Bob Hope in a spoof western based on that time-honoured plot about bad men smuggling arms to the Indians. Russell is Calamity Jane and Bob Hope a cowardly dentist called "Painless" Peter Potter. Apart from launching the song "Buttons and Bows", which went on to win an Oscar, the pair suffer a string of misadventures and get themselves captured. The director was Norman Z. Madeod, a cornedy specialist who also made films with W.C. Fields and the Marx brothers. The stars returned for a sequel, Son of Paleface, in 1952 (73075)
7.30 Gardeners' World presented by Geoff Hamilton (617)

8.00 East: Women of the Koran.

OCHOICE: George Alagiah reports from Pakistan on the disturbing practice of Koranic "marriages". The bride turns up on her wedding day, wearing a special dress and jewellery and with relatives assembled, but there is no groom. She is instructed to put. her hand on the Koran, the Islamic holy book, and instead of enjoying a family life with husband and children is condemned to spinsterhood. Defenders of the practice, which is common among wealthy feudal families in southern Pakistan, claim religious backing. But the real motive is more basic, to avoid having to reduce the family property by giving the daughter a share. One Koranic bride (not identified by her real name) says bitterly: "I wish I'd been born when the Arabs buried their daughters alive. Even that would have been better than this torture." (1655) 8.30 International Athletics. Action from the IAAF/Mobil grand prix

final in Turin (7684636) 9.40 Signs of the Times: They're Not Holding the Ceiling Up. The series on taste continues with a look at British home dwellers who choose to live with fake furnishings (r) (239655)

10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (153181) 11.15 What The Papers

Say presented by Isobel Hilton of The Independent (149538)



Ringing bells: Mike Oldfield returns to Edinburgh (11.30pm)

11.30 Edinburgh Nights: Tubular Bells II. The premiere of Mike Oldfield's rewritten version of his 1970s hit (s) (983907) 12.35am Weather (7265786)

6.00 TV-am (5027075)

9.25 The White Seal. Animated tale based on Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book story (r) (6630742) 9.50 Thames News (7192452) 9.55 Film: Freaky Friday (1976) starring Barbara Harris and Jodie Foster. Disney family fantasy about a mother and daughter who change roles for the day, actually taking over each other's bodies.

Directed by Gary Nelson (61227988) 11.50 Thames News headlines (4215655) 11.55 Cartoon Time (5556549) 12.10 Rainbow. Educational fun for the under-lives (r) (5235742)

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8.00 You Bet! The first of a new series of celebrity challenges and forfeits, presented by Matthew Kelly (s) (6297)



A perfect couple: D.W. Moffett and Tracy Pollan (9.00pm)

9.00 Fine Things. Episode one of a four-part mini-series based on a novel by Danielle Steel about an emotionally unfulfilled businessman who eventually finds love in the shape of an attractive divorcée. Their initial happiness turns to stress when the wife is struck down by cancer after the birth of their first child. His struggle to keep the family together is made more complicated by the arrival of his wife's jailbird former husband. Starring D.W. Moffett and Tracy Pollan. Continues after the news. (Oracle) (6433)

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11.40 The Young Riders. Western adventures about Pony Express riders (202181) 12.35 Rescue 911. William Shatner introduces more real-life dramas

involving the American emergency services (5740476) 1.35 American Gladiators. Tests of strength and strategy (s) (5165414) 2.40 CinemAttractions. News from Hollywood, presented by Charlie Tuna (9912969)

3.15 Raw Power. Rock music magazine (437501)
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CHANNEL 4

9.40 Foofur. Animated adventures of a stray dog (6629461) 9.55 Get Smart. Spoof spy series starring Don Adams (9292433)
 10.25 Film: Palmy Days (1931, b/w). Musical comedy starring Eddie Cantor as a sham spiritualist's stooge who has a change of heart when he falls for the daughter of the man his boss is trying to swindle. Directed by A. Edward Sutherland (2227094)

11.45 Sleeping Beauty. Animated version of the classic fairy tale (r) 12.00 The Prodigious Hickey. Episode two of a three-part drama set in an American boys' school at the turn-of-the-century (r) (63452)

1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (r) (72100)
2.00 Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage American domestic comedy starring
Lucille Ball (9487)

2.30 Racing from Kempton Park. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races (98742)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game (s) (384)
5.00 Traveller's Tales. Michael Wood explores India's sacred city.

Benares, and the countryside surrounding it (r). (Teletext) (6346)
6.00 Blossom. Cornedy series about a teenage girl living in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household (s) (549)
6.30 Happy Days. Henry Winkler stars as the super-cool Fonzie in the series set in 1950s Mitwaukee. (Teletext) (29)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Fiona Murch. (Teletext)

7.50 First Reaction. On the eve of the launch of the Ford Probe, a look at how cars get their names (s) (454723) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)

(6723)8.30 In With Mavis. Mavis Nicholson's series of revised repeats of her Third Wave series concludes with a profile of Sir Yehudi Menuhin.

(Teletext) (8758)
9.00 Garden Club. Series that visits private gardens and allotments all over the country. (Teletext) (5452)

9.30 Cheers. More comedy concerning the staff and customers of the popular Boston bar. In this episode Sam and Diane have their love

life disturbed by a lonely man (64181) 10.00 Nurses. Comedy/drama series set in a Miami hospital (33723)



A good laugh in Montreal: introduced by Ben Elton (10.30pm)

 10.30 Just For Laughs Special. Highlights from Montreal's international comedy festival, introduced by Ben Elton (s) (56520)
 12.30am The Secret Policeman's Third Ball. The concert held in 1987 at the London Palladium in aid of Amnesty International. Among those taking part are John Cleese, Robbie Coltrane, Fry and Laurie, Joan Armatrading and Chet Atkins (r) (s) (277143)
2.15 The Twilight Zone: The Mind and the Matter (b/w). Another

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tale of the supernatural (5562747). Ends at 2.40

SATELLITE

 Via the Astra and Marco; 6.00am Suppy (14246) 6.38 Mrs Pepperpot (2447159) 6.45 Playabout (1626181) 7.00 The DI Kat Show (469162) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (76033) 10.00 Let's Make a Deal (67655) 10.30 The Bold and the Beautiful (72636) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (77520) 12.00 St Elsewhere (94346) 1.00pm Street (\$8636) 1.30 Geraldo (19907) 2.30 E Street (SSG361 1.30 Geraldo (19907) 2.30 Another World (2715839) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (482549) 3.45 The DI Kar Show (4106278) 5.00 Facts of Life (7471) 5.30 Different Strokes (7704) 6.00 Baby Talk (4617) 6.30 E Street (8297) 7.00 Alf (4907) 7.30 Candid Camera (7181) 8.00 The Flash (44365) 9.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling (37079) 10.00 Studs (64617) 10.30 Police Story (8-839) 11.30 The Double Life of Henry Phyle (63839) 12.00 Pages from Skytest

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites News on the hour. 6.00am Sunnse (9594013) 9.30 Countrysde (76015) 10.00 Dayline (65297) 10.30 Memories (70278) 11.00 Dayline (18452) 11.30 Japan Busness Today (8087075) 11.45 Business Report (5825891) 12.30pm Good Morning America (17549) 2.30 Nightine (29029) 3.30 Countryside (37891) 4.30 Memories (4094) 5.00 Live at Five (72487) 6.30 Nightine (90687) 7.30 Memories (5723) 9.30 Memories (93617) 10.30 Nightine (75181) 11.30 ABC News (37433) 12.30 Memories (68560) 1.30 ABC News (45476) 2.30 Countryside (43679) 3.30 ABC News (48124) 4.30 Memories (99785) 5.30 Sunnse (22582) Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellite SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.00am Showcase (5538487) 10.00 Baby of the Bride (1991): An older woman becomes pregnant again (19655)

McCallum plays an RAF piot (63639029) 6.00 Baby of the Bride (83 10am) (73587471)

Richard Burton on a vokanic stand (45487) 2.00pm The Private Life of Sheriock Holmes (1970): Billy Widder's view of the great detective (75880181) 4.05 Mosquito Squadron (1968): David

(73587471)
7.40 Errorstainment Tonight (842839)
8.00 Weekend at Bernie's (1989): Two
boys take a corpse on holiday (70501568)
9.40 US Top Ten (4964029)
11.00 King of the Kickbeavers (1989). A
film to end all lockboaung films (912907)
12.40am Blue Stoed (1990): Jamie Lee
Curtis is a policewoman after a psychotic
eller (173853) kiler (173853) 2.25 Night of the Demons (1989).

Teenagers hold a Hallowe'en party in a funeral parlour (743308) 4.00 A Cut Above (1989): A medical student has an irraverent attitude (5430S) Ends at 6.00am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.15am The Man Who Could Cheat Death (1959) A sculpter descrives a way to prolong life (47647742)
 8.05 Dot and the Koala: An Australian gril SCREENSPORT

8.05 Dot and the Koalar An Australian gri and a bear save part of the bush (8768810) 9.20 Birdman of Alcatraz (1962): A prisoner becomes a birdwarkner (3127636) 11.50 San Francisco (1936, b.Wr. Gable and Tracv in a romantic drama (53860907) 1.50por Children of the Bride (1990) An woman marnes a vounger man (40410758) 3.30 F.L.S.T (1978). Stallone and Steiger in the story of a umon boss (49742182) 6.05 Mr. 8. Mrs. Bridge (1990) Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward play a couple growing old (40475891) 8.15 Creator (1985): Peter O'Toole time, to recreate his dead wife (54551452) 10.10 Fatal Exposure (1951): A mother receate his dead wate (5455,1452)
1.0.10 Fatal Exposure (1991): A mother becomes the larget of an assasson (679655)
11.45 Sormy Boy (1985). A boy brought up by a psychotic is used as a lutter (328704)
1.30am. The Kissing Place (1990). A boy dreams the truth about his parents (445143)
3.05 Pulp (1977). Michael Came gets entangled with gangsters (523216)
4.40 Scream, Pretty Paggy (1973): A grid lakes a housel eeping job (2301921). Ends at 6.00am.

THE COMEDY CHANNEL • Via the Astra satellite 4.00pm Mr Ed (9742) 4.30 Punky Brewster (5926) 5.00 Greenacres (9013) 5.30 Lucy (6278) 6.00 Monivees (6891) 6.30 Three's Company (\$641) 7.00 Designing Women (6549) 7.30 McHale's Navy (6655) 8.00 Secret Video (5297) 8.30 Wings (4704) 9.00

Roadshow with Gary Davies from Westor Brambles 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternon

Hogan's Heroes (73988) 9.30 Lucy (98029) 10.00 Kids in The Hall (64520) 10.30 McHale's Naw (80568) SKY SPORTS

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 530am Stretch (61623) 7.00 Redine
 (33558) 8.00 Arrhem Horse Show (34297)
 9.00 Stretch (29433) 9.30 Australian Rules
 Football (18471) 11.30 Stretch (42433)
 12.00 Ringsde (85029) 2.00pm Neibusters
 (34231) 2.90 Schlon De Meter (2167) 3.00 12.00 Ringsde (85029) 2.00pm Netbustas (3433) 2.30 Fishing The West (3162) 3.00 The Boot Room (53549) 4.00 US Open Tennis (6384) 6.00 Sky Soccer Weekend (59162) 7.00 The Big League: Hull kingston Royers v Widnes (514810) 9.30 Netbustes (61907) 10.00 Sky Soccer Weekend (90568) 11.00-4.00am US Open Tennis (8243094)

EUROSPORT

Via the Astra satellite
 8.00am Euro(un (31278) 8.30 Truck Racing (3059) 9.00 Trans World Sport (77384) 10.00 Football: Czechoslovakia v Belgium (5452) 11.30 Rasketball: Georgia (USA) v Leverlusen (G); Milan (II) v Limoges (Fr) (6473365) 5.00 Athletics (28758) 7.00 News (9617) 7.30 Athletics (28758) 7.00 News (76100) 11.30 News (83617)

SCREENSPORT

● Vis the Astra satellite
7.00am Eurobics (12617) 7.30 Pans-Moscow-Being Rad (24452) 8.00 Matchroom
Pro Box (8052) 10.00 Clascic Cars (20636)
11.00 Eurobics (49346) 11.30 Brankin
Football (21520) 12.30pm Motor Sport
(63742) 1.30 Eurobics (71384) 2.00 PGA
European Tour (974758) 4.30 Rad (1568)
5.00 Brazikan Football (5655) 5.30 Squash
(71556) 6.30 Sprint Sprint (6013) 7.00
World Sports Special (5891) 7.30 Go —
Motorsport (83487) 8.30 Baseball (75029)
9.30 PGA European Tour (93549) 10.30 Raid
(24983) 11.00 Athletics (21365) 12.00
Squash (39969) 1.00am Raid (16988) 1.30
Golf (1584056) 1.45 Golf (2208550) 3.00
Bottom (77998) 5.00 Snooker (10056)

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite
10.00am Cyrl Reitcher's Garden (85075)
10.30 Gameshow (41655) 11.00 Gloss (67742) 11.30 Joan Rivers (7000926)
12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (2816100) 1.10 Linchious (68749297) 1.40 Sell-a-Vision (84816013) 2.05 Power Hrs USA (2459452) 3.00 New Newly Wed Game (5278) 3.30 Phylis (8617) 4.00 Dck Van Dyke (1592) 4.30 Gameshow (29013) 5.30 Sell-a-Vision (7988) 6.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (75100) 7.00 Sell-a-Vision (307742) 10.00 Music Videos (2528758) 2.30-3.00am Top Five (40211)

PM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes with The Early Show (PM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 11.00 Radio 1 FM super-Mare 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jaklo 6 DN Maria Committee 12.45 Jaklo

esion-super-ware 12.50pm newspeat 12.45 Jako moon 6.00 Mark Goodler's Mega-Hrs 6.30 News 92 dudes the Midweek Dance Chart and Club Country mrsy Vance 11.00 John Peel (FM only after midnight)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester The Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Bhan Hayer Good Morning UK: 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 ken Bruce 11.30 Jmmny Young 2.00pm Glora Hurniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 Chris Stuart 7.00 My Music musical panel game (n 7.30 Friday Niight is Music Niight from the Hippodrome in Golders Green 8.45 Claire and Antionette Carn: ... at the planos9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programmer Tony Stavescre visits Commad and meets some of the artists who followed Whistler to 5t lives 12.05am lazz Parade 12.35-4.00am Charles Nove with Niight Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour unbi 7.00pm 6.00am World Service; Newshour 6.30 Darny Baker's Morning Edition 9.30 Taker Five 10.30 News Update 1.10 BFBS Worldvide 2.30 Sportsbeat with Ross King and Paralytique news from Barcelona; Gct from Switzerland, and tenis from New York 4.30 Five Aside: Ian Bern reports from Barcelona; and tools behind the scenes in television 7.15 Km Kong 7.30 Popcall 8.30 Euromox with Robert Elms, includes a report from Corperhagen 9.30 Ruby 1 10,10 Rave ind 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle present
music by Britten, Mozart,
Schubert and Puccini,
including at 8.45, Ravel: La
Valsa

Valse
9.00 Composers of the Week.
Darius Milhaud. 5: The
Frenchman from Provence, Suite Française (Monte Carlo PO/Georges Prêtre), La Chemanee du Roi René (Athena Ensemble), Le Printemps (Gidon Kremer, violin; Elena Bashkirova,

piano). Symphony No 8 in D, Rhodaruenne (French National Radio Orchestra/the composer) Radio Orchestrarine composer,
10.00 Roger Norrington Conducts.
City of Birmingham SO: Weber
(Overture: Euryanthe);
Beethoven (Symphotry No 3 in
E flat, Eroica) (r)
11.00 Edinburgh International
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E flat, Ercica) (c)

Edinburgh International

Festival 1992: Inve from the

Queen's Hall, With pianist

Richard Goode, Mozart

(Sonata in F, K533/494);

Schubert (Sonata in C minor,

D958), 11-50 Festival Reports.

Glasgow-born playwright

C.P. Taylor (1929-1981), is

the subject of a retrospective

at this year's festival. Mary at this year's festival. Mary Brennan analyses his plays such as Walter and Good, considering the characters and their motivations, and assesses his reputation with friends and writers 12.10pm Debussy (Volles; Minstrels; Ondine; Collings (Appendic)

1.00 News 1.05 BBC Concert Orchestra

Sonata in A minor, D821 World: National Youth wond: Nazional Yoturi Orchestra of Spain, under Edmon Colomer, performs Ravel (Alborada del gracioso); Gerhard (Epithalamion); Bartók (Violin Concerto No 2: Santago Juan, violin); Debussy (La Mer)

4.15 Tuning Up: The soprano

As London except: 1.45-2.15 The Young Doctors (832520) 3.20-3.50 A Country Practice (3007810) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9384181) 6.00 HTV News (907) 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek (87) HTV WALES

Special Delivery (566211) **4.25** The Hir Man and Her (2652563) **5.20-5.30** Central Joblinder '92 (8448476)

As HTV West except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at 5x 6.30-7.00 Reebok National Aerobic Championships

As London except: 2.15 The Sullivars (937029) 2.45-3.10 The Young Doctors (5496966) 3.18-3.48 Home and Away (853013) 5.10-5.40 The Mursters Today (9384181) 6.00 TSW Today (907) 6.30-7.00 Gardens For All (87) 11.40 Marmed...with Children (344891) 12.15 Film: That'll 8e the Day (1076701) 58 Children (544891) 12.15 Film: That'll 8e the Day (1076701) 58 Children (544891) 12.15 Film: That'll 8e the Day (1076701) 58 Children (544891) 12.15 Film: That'll 8e the Children (340-67) 12-15 mm. Intal a be the Day (1076-50) 1.55 Cyndi Lauper — In Profile (2354414) 2.10 CinemAttractions (5370853) 2.40 Lafter Hours (9912969) 3.10 fáght Beat (6524414) 4.10-5.30 Film: The Man Who Watched Trains Go By (7752414)

(9384181) 6.00 Coast to Coast (556075) 6.20 Police 5 (715891) 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening (B7) 11.40 Home, Sweet Home (368094) 12.10-12.35 Married._with Chalden (2078021)

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.45 The Sik Road (616704) 2.45-3.10 Graham Kerr (5496966) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9384181) 6.00 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9384181) 6.00 Northern Life (907) 6.30-7.00 The Reebolk Aeroisc Championships (87) 11.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (344891) 12.15 Rim. Thar'll Be the Day (107650) 1.55 Cyndi Lauper — In Profile (2354414) 2.10 CinemAttractions (5370853) 2.40 Lafter Nors (90) 20500 3.10 North Res (5574416)

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YORKSHIRE YORKSHIKE:

As London except: 1.45 Film: Murder Without Crime (1600433) 3.20-3.50 Gardens Without Borders (3007810) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9384181) 6.00 Calendar (907) 6.30-7.00 Spoken English (87) 11.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents. A tale of suspense (644926) 12.05 The Young Riders (8171211) 1.05 The Big E (6999389) 2.05 Karm Bhoomi (5565834) 2.35 Zara Dhyan Dein (2413230) 2.40 Film: Panchay (35045018) 5.15-5.30 Profile of the rock group Deathwish (3448476) group Deathwish (8448476)

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Starts: 6.00am Channel Four Daily (5025617) 9.25 Sesame Street (5310297) 10.25 Films: Palmy Days (2218346) 11.50 Sleeping Beauty (5564568) 12.00 Anton Moarmann — Naturally (22094) 12.30 News (28866346) 12.35 Slot Meithrin (9545471) 1.00 Countdown (46636) 1.30 Secrets of the Moor (50988) 2.00 Out of Sight (9487) 2.30 Channel 4 Racing (98742) 4.30 Flipper (384) 5.00 My Two Dack (7839) 5.30 Streetwise (536) 6.00 Brookside (549) 6.30 The Munsters (779033) 7.45 News (777926) 7.15 Heno (348094) 8.00 Resio (6723) 8.30 News (965549) 8.55 Yr Affricanwr O Aberyswyth (5758907) 18.00 Roseame (3723) 10.30 Just For Laughs Special (56220) 12.30 The Secret Policeman's Third Bad (6026105) 1.45 Twilight Zone (58563) 2.15 Twilight Zone

Randall-Page and talks to Dick Francis about his new thriller

Francis about his new thriller
Driving Porce (s)

4.45 Short Story Telling Stories, by
Maeve Binchy. Read by Joanna
Myers (r)

5.00 PM with Frank Partridge and
Hugh Sykes 5.50 Shipping
S.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 A Hack Goes West Dylan
Winter approaches the end of
his American adventure —
2.000 miles along the Oregon
Trail (s) (r)

7.00 News; 7.05 The Archers (s)

7.20 Pick of the Week with Chris
Serie

Serie

8.05 Call to Account: British Rail.
The last in the current series
where Britain's leading utilities
come in for a public grilling.
Fielding questions are British
Rail chairman Sir Bob Reid,
Major General Lennox Napier,
chairman of the Central
Transport Consultative

Transport Consultative Committee and Jenny Kirkpatrick 9.50 Stop Press. John Diamond

9.50 Stop Press: John Diamond presents a personal account of the week's press and the newspaper business
9.15 Kateldoscope: The Balancing Act. The programme looks at the stresses and the comforts of being part of a couple within the arts, and talks to writers Mangaret Deathle and

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FURTHER

As London except: 2.15-3.10 The Guldenburg Inheritance (6432810) 3.20-3.50 Dogs With Dunbar (300781) 5.10-5.40 Nature Watch (9384181) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (769758) 11.40-1.35 Film: Death Ride to Osaka (811839) BORDER

VARIATIONS

As London except: 1.45 One To One (832520) 2.15-3.10 Donahue (6432810) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9384181) 6.00 Lookstround Friday (937) 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road (87) 11.40 Hookedi (344891) 12.15 Film: That II Be the Day (107650) 1.55 Page Profile (3235414) 3.10 Pop Profile (2354414) 2.10 CinemAttractions (5370853) 2.40 Lafter Hours (9312969) 3.10 Night Best (6524414) 4.10-5.30 Film: The Man Who Watched Trains Go By (7762414)

CENTRAL CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-11.50 Film: The Amazing Mr Blunden (61227988) 1.15 A Country Practice (840549) 1.45 Home and Away (832520) 2.15 The Guldenburg Inhentance (5680839) 3.05-3.10 Gardening Time (4987988) 3.20-3.50 Highdays and Holidays (3007810) 5.10-5.40 Mowes, Mowes, Mowes (9384181) 6.25-7.00 Central News (769758) 11.40 Men (893926) 12.35 Film: An Eye for an Eye (373766) 2.35 Film:

TVS

As London except: 2.15 Yan Can Cook (937029) 2.45-3.10 Children's Island (5496966) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away

RADIO 3

Tracey Chadwell performs a pieces by Holst, Poulenc and Cole Porter, and is interviewed by Chris de Souca about her life and the demands of her chosen career. Pamela Lidiard accompanies her on piano (r) 5.00 in Tune: David Owen Norris presents a selection of music and previews the events of the weekend 7.30 Proms 1992

◆ CHOICE: Music in melancholic vein is the theme of tonight's Albert Hall concert, given by the London Symphony Orchestra under its principal conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas. The Berg Violin Concerto (soloist Anne-Sophie

Tilson Thomas. The Berg Violin Concerto (soloist Anne-Sophie Mutter) was the composer's last work, a requiem for an 18-year-old polio victim and dedicated to "the memory of an angel". Berg himself died four months later. The elegaic mood is picked up again in Mahler's Pitth Symphony. This opens with the brooding funeral march but is best known for its beautiful slow movement, much used in

movement, much used in Visconti's film of Death in Venice. In the interval at 8.00 Shelley's Legacy: Tom Paulin looks at the poet's influence on Thomas Hardy and W.B. Yeats 9.45 Landscape of Childhood: A poem in four voices, written for radio by Jeremy Hooker, about the boyhood of a poet Collines d'Anacapri, Preludes). Schubert (Sonata in 8 flat, who grew up in southern England in the early days of the second world war. With

Tom Durham, Christophe Conductor Jiri Starek. Novak (In the Tatras, Op 26); Janačék. (The Fiddler's Child) 1.45 Viola and Piano; Tabea Robbie, Sonia Woolley and Hooker himself (r) 10.15 Vanbrugh Quartet, Mozart (String Quartet in B flat, K 589); Shostakovich (String Zimmerman (viola), and Hartmut Höll (piano) team up Quartet No 7 in F sharp minor Ouarter no / In F snarp minor Op 108) (r) 10.55 Vanessa Latarche (piano). Bach (Partita No 6 in E minor, BWV 830); Bartók (Suite, Op to perform Bloch's Suite hébraique and Schubert's

14) In
11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Week.
Glière (Red Army March:
Concerto for coloratura
soprano; Symphonic poem,
The Zaporozhy Cossacks);
Glazumov (Concerto in E flat

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST, 4.30am World Business Report and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News Sport

All times in BST, 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather News 4.45

In German and Morgermagazin 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News About Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Mendain 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 The Fat Boy Mears Business 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Global Concerns 10.30 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Focus on Faith 11.30 Londres Middlay Newsdesk 12.30pm Mendain 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 The Fat Boy Mears Business 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshout 3.00 World News 3.05 Cuffook New 3.30 Off The Shelf: I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings 3.45 Global Concerns 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German and Neute Aktuell 3.00 World and British News 5.14 Travel News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Look Ahead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News Summary 6.30 News in German, Heute Aktuell and German Features 8.00 World News 8.05 Cutfook 8.30 Europe Toright 9.00 World News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Worlds of Faith 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 As I Recall 11.45 Sports Roundup Midnight World News 12.05 Seeing Stars 2.45 Jaz Now and Then 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 As I Recall 4.00 World News 4.09 Worlds of Faith 4.15 Sports Roundup. COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND HEATHER ALSTON TELEVISION AND RADIO CHOICE PETER WAYMARK

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing Ind 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather'
7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.43
Sugar for the Horse by
H.E. Bates 9.00 News
9.05 Desert, Island Discs:
J.G. Ballard chooses his eight
records to take to the mythical
island (s) (r) island (s) (r)

9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley

10.00-10.30 News; Dear Diary with
Simon Brett, Includes Vera

Brittain on courtship by correspondence; and another diarist on the case for having three husbands (s)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only); John Bunyan's allegory
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10.30 Woman's Hour: meets author and journalist Maeve Binchy and talks about new technology and the art of writing. Incl 11.00 News

11.30 Natural History Programme presented by Jessica Holm

12.00 You and Yours with John Howard Howard 12.25pm The Gardening Quiz: Question Master Stefan Buczacki, with Norman

Painting and Irene Thomas and guests lenny Seagrove, Glenda Jackson MP, Julian Pettifer and Pam Ferris (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping 2.00 Classic Serial: Miss

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL





Norman Willis is again facing calls to quit on the eve of the TUC's annual conference in Blackpool but insists he

HOME VIEW

Reckitt & Colman says it will continue to inves in new household products and strengthen its brands despite the recession

AWAY VIEW



T&N, the car parts group, is considering three acquisitions in Germany after a sharp recovery in half year profits

DOUBLE UP

Doubled profits at Cookson prove the group is recovering from its crash in 1990. The shares are rated a Tempus, page 16

TOMORROW



Tim Waterstone threw a "personal party" for 470 people from the literary world this week. Debra Isaac writes a chapter on the bookseller's life

THE POUND

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Exchange index

Extra £7.25bn funding surprises City

Bank prop for pound sends shares soaring

By Michael Clark and Colin Narbrough

SHARE prices and govern-ment securities responded enthusiastically to the innovative measure to support the ailing pound, with the stock market posting its big-gest one-day rise since April's general election.

News that the Bank of England was borrowing £7.25 billion in ecus, consisting of various foreign currencies, to help prop up the pound in the run-up to the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty cheered City investors.

Economists said the move effectively ruled out the pros-pect of the pound being devalued and eases some pressure for a rise in interest rates.

More than £12 billion was added to the value of shares, as the FT-SE 100 soared more than 70 points. The index eventually closed 68.9 up at 2,381.9 in volatile trading, which saw 551 million shares change hands.

The move by the govern-ment to reinforce its defences for the pound took the City by A Treasury announcement.

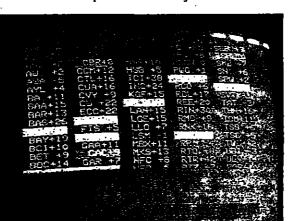
issued at 3pm, said the government intended to borrow the equivalent in foreign cur-rencies of 10 billion ecus (£7.75 billion) to buy pounds in the foreign exchange markets on top of normal intervention. The Treasury stated explicitly that all the funds would be deployed in the current fiscal year, which ends in March. Although the Treasury made clear that the prime

purpose of the record currency borrowing deal was to safeguard the pound within the exchange-rate mechanism, it said the move would have the secondary benefit of reducing the government borrowing re-quirement. The government hopes the deal will bring it the equivalent of about two to three months of gilt issues. This will enable it to stick to its forecast public sector borrow-ing requirement of £28 billion for the current fiscal year.

The move followed heavy intervention by the Bank of England last week to prevent the pound falling to its abso-lute floor within the ERM. Official figures on Wednesday revealed that underlying cur-

rency reserves dropped by \$1.23 billion in August. As a first step, the Bank of England has arranged a 5 billion ecu multi-currency re-volving credit facility led by Barclays, Lloyds, Midland and National Westminster, plus 14 other British and foreign institutions. Half of three-year facility will be drawn down in marks in the "next few days", with the second half to be called on

later this month. The remaining 5 billion exist will be raised through a multi-currency note issue, which will begin in October. Details of manurities and markets will be issued later. This issue can be extended to refinance the bank credit on finer terms. The revolving credit may be drawn down in



Screen play: a sea of blue, and even the reds improve

dollars, yen, Swiss francs or ecus, as well as marks. Interest will be payable at 3/32 per cent over the London interbank

The pound rose sharply, ending at DM2.7975 at the official 4pm London close, up more than a pfennig from Wednesday and almost two pfennigs clear of its lowest limit in the ERM. Later, it climbed past · DM2.8000. Against the rising dollar, sterling dropped more than two cents to \$1.9805. In New York, the dollar, whose fall unleashed the latest tensions in the ERM, rallied two

pfennigs. It eased back later. With the pound looking more capable of riding out any turbulence this month, market fears of a base rate increase

In the stock market, double figure gains were common among leading shares, with ICI climbing 35p to £11.06, English China Clays 22p to 483p, and Glaxo 29p to 746p. Price movements were often exaggerated as the bears rushed to cover short positions with just one day of the twoweek trading account left to run. Government securities also shrugged off recent wor-ries about the pound and pressure on interest rates to post gains of up to £2 at the longer end as foreign buyers clamoured for stock.

But brokers last night feared that a reaction to the news of the government's actions may set in when business resumes his morning. ☐ The Bundesbank council.

under fierce attack in Germany this week over its tight monetary policy, yesterday left its key rates unchanged. Economists do not expect any easing of German interest rates until the independent central bank is convinced that inflationary pressure are contained.

Western Germany's gross domestic product declined by a real, seasonally adjusted 0.5 per cent in the second quarter of 1992 to achieve annual growth of just 0.6 per cent.

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Stein, chairman - pictured outside the Langham Hilton, London - soothed shareholders' nerves with an unchanged interim dividend and a promise that there would be no cut in the final. The group. which includes Hilton International hotels. Texas DIY stores, and betting shops, increased pre-tax profits by 5 per cent in the first half of this year, from £98.2 million to £103.2 million. The interim dividend is 4.92p

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Yarrow blames job losses on order gap

By Kerry Gill

YARROW Shipbuilders on the Clyde yesterday an-nounced it was to shed more than 500 jobs because of delays in defence spending. The jobs will go by the end of the year although attempts

will be made to redeploy staff. The yard, with 2,750 employees, said it hoped to find volunteers but many would have to be laid off compulsorily. The company axed 645 jobs in December and yesterday's announcement was made despite orders for five frigates this year.

Yarrow won a £400 million order for three Type 23 frigates for the Royal Navy in January but had expected the deal a year earlier. It also won a £322 million contract in January to build two frigates for

Malaysia's government. A spokesman blamed the latest job losses on a "gap" in its construction programme. "Naturally we are sorry this has come about. We do have work but we have a hole in the programme which means we cannot carry surplus labour." He said work had started on the three naval frigates and design work had begun on the Malaysian order. The con-tracts would maintain work at

the yard until 1997. John Carty, Clyde district secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said he was "extremely disappointed" about the job losses. He will meet management next week to discuss ways of cushioning the redundancies. "The Yarrow workforce has co-operated fully over the years to ensure it is one of

the most efficient yards in the country. The difficulty has been the lack of orders and the lack of a government policy on shipbuilding," Mr Carty said.

He gave warning that there would be no volunteers for redundancy and those leaving Yarrow would have little hope of alternative jobs in the area.

Cut in loss brightens shares in Sun **Alliance**

By Graham Searjeant FINANCIAL EDITOR

SUN Alliance, Britain's biggest insurer and the one most exposed to mortgage indemnity losses, cut its pre-tax loss from £114 million to £97.9 million in the six months to June 30. The loss was smaller

than the City had expected. The figures were struck after losses of £108 million on mortgage indemnity and £42.5 million for the postelection IRA bombs — without which, Roger Neville, the chief executive, said. Sun Alliance would have broken even in the second quarter.

The group pegged its inter-im dividend at 5.25p per share. Sun Alliance shares jumped 14 per cent to 253p. against a 3 per cent average rise for the stock market.

In Britain, the underwriting loss was little changed at £245 million on premium income up 8 per cent to £944 million. This, however, disguised a stronger underlying improvement, partly due to the bomb claims, which have caused Sun Alliance to seek nonweather catastrophe cover.

Only £50 million was allowed for mortgage indemnity in the first half of 1991. before a change in provisioning produced a total charge of £320 million for the year. Sun Alliance says losses have now stabilised at a high level. Analysts expect indemnity losses of about £200 million

for the year. The group shed 100,000 of its 1.6 million motor accounts after raising rates in the competitive broker market.

Mr Neville said the group was now seeing benefits from rate increases in this and other personal account business. Underwriting losses were halved to £20.7 million in continental Europe and profits were earned in South Africa and on Sun Alliance's share of

the Chubb pool in America.

Hurricane Andrew is expected

to cost about £12 million in the

second half. Shareholders' funds, cluding the value of the life assurance company, fell from £1.68 billion in December to £1.39 billion at the end of

The solvency margin, including minority interests, fell from 69 per cent to 56 per cent but is still the highest in the

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Rolls taps reserves for interim payout

By George Sivell

ROLLS-ROYCE, the aero-engines and power engineering group, is to pay a maintained dividend out of reserves again. In the first half of 1992. Rolls raised pre-tax profits from £11 million to £20 mil-Bank of England official close (4pm) lion. But even before tax, this STOCK MARKET is not enough to meet the £25 million cost of the dividend,

Tombs, who steps down as chairman this month, justified the decision, however, by emphasising the long-term nature of aero-engineering and saying the result was in line with the steady improvement in Rolls' performance ex-pected over the next few years. In 1987, he argued that

a strong balance sheet, to even due to be contracted, but now held at 2.55p a share. Lord out the cyclical troughs in the aircraft industry. After yesterday's figures, an-alysts downgraded their fore-

casts for the full year and 1993 from about £110 million and and £150 million, respectively.

£190 million to £80 million The City is pleased Rolls has an order book of £6.7 billion. Rolls should be privatised with with a further £800 million



expects orders for civil aircraft spares and military aircraft to come next year rather than this. Spares orders, a source of high profit margin business to Rolls, are being pared back by airlines anxious to keep their inventories as tight as possible in the present fare price war.

Rolls faces uncertainty over the European Fighter programme but claims it will sell the engines even if EFA never takes off. Analysts were disappointed

at the impact of the weak dollar, which knocked £10 million off pre-tax profits. Lord Tombs said that if the present dollar rate persisted. he would be forced to source more work outside Britain. NEI, the power engineering

group bought in 1989, recovered from a loss of £2.4 million to a profit of £3.1 million, on sales of £490 million (£439 million). Dr Terry Harrison, NEI chairman, becomes chief executive of Rolls next month when Sir Ralph Robins replaces Lord Tombs.

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Embattled IBM spawns a \$7bn Baby Blue

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

IBM, the computer industry's Big Blue, has spawned a new personal computer company in a move likely to spark fresh price cuts in a market where most PC makers are already haemorrhaging and analysts forecast profit margins will virtually halve over

the next two years. The new "Baby Blue", to be called IBM Personal Computer Company, will have sales of \$7 billion and be the largest PC company in the industry. Its creation is the first part of a strategy by John Akers, the chairman, to slim the oil-tanker-sized bureaucracy with 13 businesses into a nimble six-division corporation whose indi-vidual components are likely to be packaged ready for a flotation on Wall

IBM turns up the heat later this month, promising the start of a range of models that will include a low-cost brand called PS/Valuepoint. The PC move is the first of IBM's strategy's of vertical integration, which puts all the functions needed to design, build and sell a PC under one autonomous management. Previously, the different functions were spread over five.

But before any flotation. Mr Akers has to convince doubting investment analysts of the soundness of his strategy. They remain sceptical and have this year cut IBM's share price

by 20 per cent to \$87. Many still smart from the feeling of being misled 14 months ago when the company shocked Wall Street with the first of a series of bad figures and dire profit warnings.

James Cannavino, general manager of IBM's personal systems business and the man responsible for the new PC division, said: "My goal is to be where the customers want to be at the most competitive price."

Lucianne Painter, an analyst with Salomon Brothers said: "In our opinion, prices will continue to be cut savagely because of the declining cost of technology and deep discounting to . win market share. We believe this year has marked the beginning of a

Ms Painter estimates that within two years, gross profit margins will be

shakeout in the PC hardware indus-

cut from 40 per cent or more to between 20 per cent and 25 per cent. IBM, which has manufacturing plants in the UK and competes with Compaq and Amstrad for the PC market, has denied that its own PC business has been losing money, but

admits it has not performed as well as planned. The first line of its new products are expected next week with several models of the PS/1, based on the high velocity Intel 486 chip. Later in the autumn there will be portable models, a new look to the PS/2 desk top and the PS/Valuepoint.

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Chill factor fails to halt Rolls-Royce

who paid 170p a share for Rolls-Royce, the aero engines and power engineering group, in the heady days of early 1987, only 550,000 are around to collect the maintained interim dividend of 2.55p a share, which has again been short-earned.

Earnings rose from 0.1p to 0.9p a share, not nearly enough to finance the £25 million dividend payment, and the board has had to dip into the reserves to the tune of £16 million. Rolls-Royce, which ended last year with E50 million or so of cash, had seen the balance dwindle to just £2 million by June 30. Interest charges of £10 million, only half of which were leases, bear testimony to the need to borrow money during the half year.
Lord Tombs, the outgoing

chairman, has been consis-tent on dividend policy. During talks with the government on privatisation in 1987 he insisted that Rolls-Royce needed a strong balance sheet because sometimes the wind blows cold in our industry". The chill factor has rarely been higher than it is now.

Lord Tombs believes the results are in line with the expectations of a steady improvement in performance over the next few years. He offered no direct comment on

the final dividend.

First-half pre-tax profits rose from £11 million to £20 million, a fall from the £40 million earned in last year's second half. The first half comparison is complicated by a fall in exceptional restructuring costs, from £26 million to £14 million, and by about £10 million of profits lost to the weaker dollar. It should also be borne in mind that the charge to profits for research and development fell from

£118 million to £109 million. Those high margin orders for civil aircraft spares appear likely to materialise more next year than this year as the big airlines keep inventories as low as possible. So full-year forecasts by outsiders are coming down from £110 million to £80 million before tax or 5.2p a share of earnings, against £51 million and 2.5p of earnings a year ago. But for the following year, profits are tentatively forecast at £150 million. At 128p, down 4p yesterday, the shares stand on an earnings multiple of 24.6. A maintained total dividend of 7.25p is expected. Hold.

Ladbroke

CYRIL Stein's decision to face Ladbroke followers at the interim stage for the first time in the memory of most analysts underlined again the concern of company chairmen that the message should not become confused in these difficult times.

Ladbroke's share price underperformed the market by more than 20 per cent between mid-July and the end of August, as Mr Stein resisted pressure to revalue the group's property at halfway and speculation about pressure on the dividend began to circulate. At £103.2 million, profits have emerged at the bottom end of market expec-



One step closer to recovery: Richard Oster, left, and Robert Malpas, of Cookson

tations, given that they include a £23 million surplus on hotel sales. The hotels proved the real disappointment, making only £45 million against £53.2 million, both clean of disposals, despite a three-point increase in the

occupancy rate. The real imponderable is the property portfolio. unquestionably in the books at an inflated value, but over which Mr Stein displays a frustrating lack of urgency. The new accounting requirements will mean that a greater chunk of the portfolio will be revalued externally at the vear-end, but analysts are left guessing at how big a hit the group may have to take.

A 10 per cent, or £100 million, writedown is the pop-ular expectation, although Mr Stein would almost certainly win extra brownie points for taking an ultra-cautious view. removing uncertainty from the share price.

Some buoyancy was achieved yesterday with the unusual promise of an at least unchanged final dividend.

Ladbroke is trading well, giv-en the conditions, and should make £210 million clean of property writedowns this year. Given a clearer property picture, the shares, at 152p yesterday, will begin to look

Cookson Group

COOKSON Group's much improved interim profit has quelled market fears that the recovery promises regularly uttered by Richard Oster, its managing director, in recent

to be mere huff and puff. Pre-tax profits doubled to £34 million, a maintained, but now covered, 3p a share interim dividend, and produc-interim dividend, and produc-tivity gains that have led progressively to higher mar-gins on sales over the past three six-monthly periods — 4.6 per cent, to 6.3 per cent, and on to 7 per cent, is the and on to 7 per cent — is the stuff of which recoveries are made.

Cookson, of which Robert Malpas is chairman, was lucky to have escaped being taken over after fortunes crashed in 1990 and pre-tax profits slumped from £183 million to £97.5 million, and when profits fell further last year to £34.4 million. But since the dark days. Cookson has rationalised operations, continues to attack costs, and is determined that its various financial ratios will continue

to improve.

More buoyant trading conditions would help, and earnings will have to be sufficient to cover a dividend at least twice before the payout can be expected to be stepped up. But at least Cookson looks capable of achieving further margin improvement in the second half, and year end profits of £75 million would confirm that the recovery

drumbeat is not hollow. Those who risked buying Cookson at its 1990 nadir, when the shares had fallen to 65p, have since seen their investment double. Yesterday, Cookson shares rose a further 13p to 135p, to trade on 15.2 times prospective earnings. Hold on.

Iceland packs in profits

By Jon Ashworth

ICELAND Frozen Foods lifted pre-tax profits by 19 per cent to £24.2 million (£20.3 million) in the 26 weeks to

Britain's largest frozen food retailer is raising its interim dividend to 3.1p (2.65p) on earnings per share of 17.8p, against 14.9p last time. Sales increased 16 per cent to £480 million (£413 million) and million (£413 million) and food sales on a "like for like" basis rose 11 per cent. Iceland is now averaging more than 2.7 million transactions a week and expects to open 45 stores this year. But there are no signs of improvement in the economic climate.

Malcolm Walker, chairman and chief executive, said the figures illustrated the "huge consumer demand" for the group's shops as food sales rose by ! | per cent.

Mr Walker added: "The economic climate does not seem to be getting any better. fceland nevertheless continues to improve its relative position with healthy volume growth, an increasing number of customers and a growing market

Bowden strategy pays off

By MATTHEW BOND

WILSON Bowden brought a little relief to the beleaguered housebuilding sector with figures that suggested its strategy of maximising profit margin rather the number of houses sold was modestly paying off.
A total of 643 houses was sold in the six months to end-June, against 650 sold in the first half of 1991. Operating margins fell from 23 to 16 per cent, a level that David Wilson, the chairman, described as "excellent" considering the difficulties of the market. Pretax profits fell from £15.4 million to £10.3 million.

There had been concern when Persimmon, which, like Wilson Bowden is one of the most respected housebuilders, reported unexpectedly lower profits and operating margins of 12.9 per cent. Net pre-tax margins fell lower still, to 10.1 per cent, as the cost of opening new sites raised Persimmon's

Mr Wilson said the outlook for housebuilding and property development was for "continuing weak demand". The interim dividend is maintained at 2.5p.

statement added: "We deeply

regret that domestic political

pressures have over-ridden a

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Australia and the EC are

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Bush under fire over wheat sales

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE international trade war tralia's prime minister, the in agricultural products, which threatens to sink the Uruguay Round of world trade talks, escalated yesterday, with the European Com-mission accusing President Bush of putting his domestic political survival before the urgent need to jump-start the Gatt negotiations.

The commission labelled President Bush's decision to put an extra 30 million tons of American wheat on the world market at subsidised prices belligerent and not productive", and demanded more details from Washington as to how soon and to whom the wheat would be sold.

Australia, another leading world farm product exporter, said the enlargement of America's export enhancement programme "threatens to escalate further the trade subsidy war between the US and the EC". Quoting Paul Keating, Aus-

poses," one EC source said. The president announced his offer to 500 farmers at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has made attacks on EC agricul-tural policies and "fortress Europe" in similar territory. Wheat export subsidies have been frozen since a mid-term review of the Gatt talks in Montreal in 1988, Under a gentleman's agreement, America and the EC offer their cut-price wheat to different markets, but under the new

Both sides seem to be targetting the north African nations. This is not productive for the already fractious relationship between the two sides." the commission said.

Bush deal that agreement appears to have been broken.



Pentos payout pegged despite fall in profit

PENTOS, the books to office equipment retailer that owns Dillons, Athena and Rymans, saw pre-tax profits dip 17 per cent to £2.4 million (£2.9 million) in the six months to June 30. Earnings per share fell 24 per cent to 1.4p (1.7p) and the interim dividend is held at 0.7p a share.

Shares in the company slipped 7p to 114p in June when Terry Maher, the chairman, gave warning of lower first-half profits. They rose from 65p to 73p yesterday. Pentos paid £3 million for the loss-making Wilding office equipment chain in December and has incorporated it into the Ryman division. Dillons sales increased 10 per cent and Ryman sales are lightly the Athan care that Athan care care excluding Wilding were up 6 per cent, but Athena saw sales slip 2 per cent. Office furniture sales fell 15 per cent and profits were down 28 per cent.

Provident Financial up

PROVIDENT Financial, a Bradford consumer finance group, lifted pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £12.8 million (£10.6 million) in the six months to June 30. Earnings per share were 16.7p (14.37p) and there is an interim dividend of 9.25p (8.5p). Provident Personal Credit, a subsidiary specialising in weekly collected credit, achieved good gains, against a background of store closures and reduced stock levels; the number of branches has fallen from 404 to 368. Collections improved and bad debts moderated. Halifax Insurance increased its customer base by 16 per cent to 325,000 policyholders.

Whitbread sale

WHITBREAD, the brewer, has sold its Pizza Hut businesses in Belgium and The Netherlands to Pizza Hut International, a subsidiary of Pepsico Inc of America, for an undisclosed sum. The disposal includes 21 outlets that are currently trading and two sites in The Netherlands that are close to completion. Whithread and Pizza Hut have a joint venture in Britain under which Whitbread operates more than 200 franchises. The two companies will continue to work together to secure the sale of the franchise in France. Pepsico covers soft drinks, snack foods and restaurants.

Waterford tumbles

WATERFORD Wedgwood, the Irish crystal and ceramics group, reported a loss of IrE5.77 million (E5.4 million) before tax, against a IrE2.03 million loss last time. There is again no interim dividend. The company had already announced a restructuring plan, involving the loss of 500 jobs, which Donald Brennan, the chairman, defended. "The absence of any sustained sign of overall improvement in worldwide business conditions confirms that the initiatives which management has been implementing over the past year ... are correct," he said.

Jourdan losses deepen

THOMAS Jourdan, a hardware and trouser-press maker, is holding its interim dividend at 0.5p a share, although pre-tax losses deepened from £595,000 to £874,000 in the six months to June 30. Losses worked through at 3.75p a share, against a 2.21p deficit last time. There was an exceptional charge of £290,000 against reorganisation costs and redundancies. Gearing remained at 45 per cent, despite the purchase of a property for £423,000 to terminate the existing lease obligations. The company has cut costs but does not expect trading conditions to improve this year.

TWC back in black

TRANS World Communications, the commercial radio group, returned to profit in the half year to end-June, helped by reduced costs, a small increase in revenue and lower interest charges after last year's £12 million rights issue. Pre-tax profits were £395.000, against losses of £1.09 million. with earnings of 1.1p a share (5.3p loss). There is no dividend (nil) but the company said prospects for returning to the dividend list were encouraging, pending the full-year outcome. Turnover rose from £5.2 million to £5.7 million and there was an operating profit of £3.59,000 (£3.17,000 loss).

Southdown enquiry

THE monopolies commission is to investigate Southdown Motor Services, a bus company that is accused of operating "predatory and anti-competitive" services to try to force a rival off the road. Sir Bryan Carsberg, director general of fair trading, referred the company after an Office of Fair Trading report. This stated that Southdown operated on certain routes in the Bognor Regis area of Sussex, on which Easy Rider Minicoaches also offered services, at a loss. Sir Bryan said Southdown, now called Sussex Coastline Buses, had failed to give acceptable undertakings that it would cease the practice.

Air Canada bids again

AIR Canada, which has made a US\$400 million bid for Continental Airlines of America and signed a passenger-sharing pact with United, has made a second bid for PWA, parent of the financially troubled Canadian Airlines. PWA said it is reviewing the merger proposal. Air Canada says the offer would eliminate duplicate international operations and excess capacity in Canada, to permit the continuing separate operations of both airlines.

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£25,000 - £49,999 .	10.12	10,60	7.59	7.86
£10,000 - £24,999	9.34	9.75	7.01	7.24
£5,000 - £9,999	8.65	9.00	6.49	6.69
£1 - £4,999	2.00	2,02	1.50	1.51
POSTAL ACCO	JNT (Annu	al Interest)		
£20,000 or more	10.80		8.10	-
£10,000 - £19,999	10.55	-	7,91	-
£2,000 - £9,999	10.30	-	7.73	-
£1 - £1,999	2.00	•	1.50	
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£20,000 or more	10,30	• -	7.73	-
£10,000 - £19,999	10.07	- •	7.55	-
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The estimated results for the six months ended 30th June, 1992 are set out below with the comparative figures for 1991.	6 mouths to 30th June 1992 (unaudited) £m	6 months to 30th June 1991 (unaudited) £m	Year 1991* (audited) £m
Premium income –		•	
General insurance	1,462.5	1,425.7	2,677.9
Long-term insurance	627.9	414.7	1,017.7
	2,090.4	1,870.4	3,695.6
General insurance underwriting result	(280.8)	(305.2)	(833.5)
Long-term insurance profits	27.3	25.9	54.3
Investment and other income	155.6	165.2	313.0
Profit (loss) before taxation	(97.9)	(114.1)	(466,2)
Taxation	8.0	(11.0)	(2.7)
Profit (loss) after taxation	(105.9)	(103.1)	(463.5)
Minority interests	6.7	4.8	8.2
Profit (loss) attributable to shareholders	(112.6)	(107.9)	(471.7)
Earnings (loss) per share	(14.lp)	(13.5p)	(59.2p)

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	6 mo	nths to	6 mo	nths to		
	30th Ju	me 1992	30th Ju	ne 1991	Year	1991
	_	Under-	J	Under-		Under-
	Premium	writing	Premium	writing	Premium	writing
	income	result	income	result	income	result
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	944.4	(244.7)	873.4	(243.4)	1,667.1	(713.0)
Europe	259.4	(20.7)	231.7	(41.1)	445.8	(78.2)
USA	106.9	3.3	142.3	0.3	249.1	0.8
Canada	28.9	(6.3)	39.0	(7.2)	68.2	(18.7)
Australia	48.1	(7.1)	59.7	(8.3)	108.7	(12.3)
Other overseas	74.8	<u>(5.3</u>)	79.6	<u>(5.5)</u>	139.0	(12.1)
	1,462.5	<u>(280.8</u>)	1,425.7	(305.2)	2,677.9	(833.5)

DIVIDEND The Directors have declared an interim dividend for 1992 of 5.25p per share (1991; 5.25p).

The dividend, costing £42.1m (1991: £41.9m), will be paid on 1st December, 1992 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 15th October, 1992. The scrip dividend alternative will again be offered.

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The Group's net assets at 30th June, 1992, excluding the value of long-term business, were estimated at £1,394m (31st December, 1991; £1,684m). The solvency margin including minority interests was 56% (31st December, 1991: 69%).

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T&N, the automotive components group, is planning to increase its presence in Germany. Colin Hope, the chairman, said he is evaluating three acquisition prospects, each "closer to £100 million than to £10 million".

on one soon. Mr Hope announced yesterday that T&N, formerly Turner & Newall, is back on the road to recovery after it pushed up pre-tax profits by 71 per cent to £34.7 million in the first half of 1992, on turnover 2 per cent higher at £712 million. The recovery is

and is likely to make a decision

Williams holds interim dividend

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

WILLIAMS Holdings, the industrial group, saw its pre-tax profits slip 5.8 per cent to £72.1 million in the six months ended June, but adds that the background was one of the most difficult trading periods on record. The group is maintaining its interim dividend at 5p. Nigel Rudd. chairman, says the recession persisted in Britain, while in continental Europe most economies were fragile and the political outlook unsettled.

In North America, there will be uncertainty before November's presidential election, although Williams says its order intake is up to expectations and prudent cost controls will make it well positioned for any

economic recovery. In April, Williams sold its 10 per cent stake in Racal Electronics on which it realised a book profit of £11 million. The disposal will, in the second half, help ease the interest charge, which in the first half of 1992 was £10

million (E3.67 million).

Mr Rudd said the group's return on sales at 16.7 per cent in the first half of 1992, though down from 17.2 per cent, must be considered satisfactory considering the eco-

nomic background. The slump in trading profits from £12.6 million to £4.3 million in the engineering division stemmed from the dominance of Williams Fairey Engineering, whose orders and deliveries of military bridges traditionally fluctuate.

However, the order book and prospects for next year and beyond are encouraging. Product innovation and increased market share helped the European consumer and building products division make trading profits of £32.2 million (£26.2 million). on

which margins of 18 per cent (15.5 per cent) were achieved. Fire and safety international suffered from the downturn in the incidence of aircraft manufacturing and reduced orders



Rudd: difficult trading

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BUSINESS TO BUSINESS

T&N seeks German acquisition as interim figure leaps

largely due to a huge cost-cutting exercise. T&N cut its workforce by about 1,000 in the six months to 38,000, continuing last year's redundancy programme. It lost about 3,000 staff in 1991.

Mr Hope said: "While the recession lasts we will be taking between 1,000 to 2,000 people out for the next year or so."

These actions produced an exceptional charge of £5.7 million, compared with £6.8 million in the first half of 1991.
Earnings per share increased from 2.82p to 4p. Mr
Hope said T&N intends to

maintain earnings growth and plans to finance any acquisition through debt rath-er than through another rights issue. He said he is looking at businesses in Germany that will complement T&N's exist-ing product lines and "which would respond to the type of efficiencies we have been introducing in T&N".

T&N had debts of £180 million at the end of June,

with gearing of 33 per cent.
The interim dividend is held at 3.6p. Mr Hope said the dividend was uncovered last year and it is the company's objective to maintain a covered dividend for 1992.

T&N paid a maintained 10.85p last year. Last year, profits continued a slide that started in 1989 as demand for its products in the world's automotive markets

fell. These difficulties contin-

ued this year. Mr Hope said: "Erratic and faltering demand has been combined

with intense pricing pressure." The company managed to increase its market share in the first half, but Mr Hope puts the recovery down to cost-

He said the long-hoped-for recovery in the world automotive market had never materialised. "The current indications are that there will be at best no improvement in our markets over the next few months," he added.

The cost of fighting and settling asbestosis claims rose from £7.3 million to £8.5 million. Mr Hope said that of the 130 claims made when problems with its fire-proofing materials arose in 1985, only 30 remained to be settled, including a \$75 million claim from Chase Manhattan Bank. Its exposure was reduced in July when an American jury dismissed a \$75 million lawsuit from Prudential Insurance Company of America. The British market is still

the company's biggest source of profits, with operating profits up from £17.1 million to £20.7 million. Profits from continental Europe fell from £7.4 million to £6.2 million due to restructuring costs in Italy and Germany. North American profits almost doubled to £12 million as the benefits of the 1990 JPI acquisition and other invest-ments flowed through.

Reckitt & Colman gains at half time

RECKITT & Colman, the household products, toiletries and food group, increased pre-tax profits 5.2 per cent to £134 million in the first half of 1992 and has raised the dividend

7.2 per cent to 5.95p. Earnings rose 5 per cent to 21.24p and the shares gained 4p to 533p. Sales dropped from £994 million to £936 million, reflecting disposals. Interest charges fell from £19.8 million to £17 million.

The group says economic conditions remain depressed and that no short-term improvement seems likely but that if will continue to supp new product development and strengthen the competitiveness of key brands. Reckitt managed to raise trading prof-

shareholders falls from £70 million to £30 million because of the expected £52 million extraordinary loss on the dis-

By OUR CITY STAFF

posal of the spice business in America. Household and toiletry profits rose 1.2 per cent to £105 million thanks to new product development, including the Airwick AirWaves electrical air freshener in America. Barbara Gould skin care products advanced strongly in France and Spain and were introduced into

Food profits rose from £20.8 million to £21.2 million, despite the American sale and the disposal of South African food interests. Colman's of performer and the Robinsons

Ready Drinks helped. Pharmaceutical profits rose from £19.4 million to £20 million and Disprin Direct it margins from 14.8 to 16.2 had an encouraging introduc-tion in Britain. The Dettol The profit attributable to antiseptic range was extended into Asia and Lemsip was successfully launched in Aus-

COMPANY PRIEFS.

EDMOND HOLDINGS (Int) Pre-tax: Loss £22,000 LPS: 0.03p (EPS 1.19p) Dlv: 0.35p (0.65p) NESTOR-BNA (Fin) Pre-tex: £2.11m (£2.39m) Div: 1.15p (1.15p)

VINTEN GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £4.3m (£4.7m) EPS: 8.8p (10.3p) Div. 1.9p (1.8p) BARR & WALLACE (Int) Pre-tex: £0.57m (£1.23m)

EPS: 3p (4.3p) STERLING TRUST (Int) Pre-tax: £1.2m (£1.5m) EPS: 4p (5p) Div: Nil (2p)

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READYMIX (int) Pre-tax: Ir£1.5m EPS: 3.35p (3.95p) Div: 0.55p (0.55p)

Pre-tax profit last time was £856,000. Group's performance has mirrored general outlook on housing. BNA, the UK nursing agency.

produced a strong recovery in operating profits after restructuring in 1991. Group is buying Gitzo, a French maker of photographic, video and television tripods and ancillary

equipment, for about £2.9m. Results for full year are likely to be down on last time. Half-vear turnover was £110.5m (£109.4m).

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Burmah Oil's profits flow bountifully

By George Sivell

BURMAH Castrol raised pretax profits by 17 per cent, to a better than expected £84.7 million. in the six months to June 30. The result was achieved despite the fact that the company's three main activities, Castrol oil, special-ity chemicals and fuels, all depend heavily on world eco-

nomic activity. The market was pleasantly surprised by a 3 per cent rise in the half-year dividend to 8.75p and the shares rose 7p to 552p. Burmah warned investors, however, that there were no clear signs of substantial recovery in its main markets and currency movements were likely to have an adverse impact on second-

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FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

AMERICAN banking regula-

tors are believed to have

delivered a scathing attack on

America's largest financial ser-

vices group.

In a widely circulated report

of a working paper leaked to a

news organisation, the exam-

ining unit of the Comptroller

of the Currency, the most

senior banking regulator, is

alleged to have been sharply critical of Citicorp's home

mortgage business saying

there are "serious issues war-

ranting the attention of senior

management ... in virtually all functional areas". The re-

port is believed to be dated August 18, 1992. The bank replied in a state-

ment last night: "Under US

law designed to assure confi-

dential and candid dialogue

between bank regulators and

managements, we cannot

comment on the content of

what is purported to be a

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fice of the Comptroller of the

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problems are not new to our

management; they have been

identified and disclosed and

forced the bank to restate

profits 16 per cent lower at

\$143 million after errors in its

mortgage department inflated

group profits by \$28 million for April to June this year.

are being addressed." On August 15, regulators

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half results. A quarter of Burmah's sales are estimated to be in America and the company will therefore suffer from the plunging dollar. That is unlikely to be offset by sterling's fall against the mark or by the sourcing of raw materials from dollar-linked economies. First-half profits lost £2.5 million as a

result of currency movements and the dollar has since fallen Burmah said the American faunch this month of Syntec FSX, a new synthetic motor oil, could knock £7 million or so off second-half trading profits. It expects, however, that Syntec FSX will generate profits by the end of 1993. Jonathan Fry, the managing director, said Castrol had been gaining about a percentage point a year of American market share. It was now, at 15 per cent, within three points of Pennzoil, the market leader. Burmah believes the American oil business is counter-cyclical because in a recession cars are kept for

longer and their owners pay

more attention to mainte-Interest charges fell from £24.3 million to £19.9 million. thanks to disposals from Foseco, the specialist chemi-cals group acquired for £260 million in December 1990. Burmah says control of costs. restructuring of Foseco debt also helped, Gearing is down from 72 per cent to 65 per cent. After-tax profits rose 26 per cent to £41.6 million. because the tax charge fell

Burmah suffers from earning profits in high-tax countries but in the latest half-year, a higher proportion of pre-tax profit was earned in the UK; that reduced the advanced corporation tax

from 47 to 44 per cent.

Lubricants profits rose 11 per cent to £65 million on a 13 per cent increase in volume and rising market share in America. European profits fell and sales to industry

suffered because of recession.

caused profits to plunge at Singer & Friedlander, the merchant banking group, despite continuing growth in its core banking business. The group was forced to

take an exceptional charge of £5.3 million due to the fall in the value of its property portfolio. This depressed pre-tax profits in the half year to end-June by 60 per cent to £3.25 million. The interim dividend

Property

blow to

Singer

By NEIL BENNETT

THE property slump has

is held at 1 p.
John Hodson, Singer's chief executive, said the charge had been caused by accounting requirements stemming from the reverse takeover of the group in 1987 by Gilbert House, a small property company. Singer's property portfo-lio, then valued at £79 million.

is worth £70 million. Tony Solomon, the group chairman, said the charge was unfortunate since the property was virtually fully let and there were few rent arrears.

Profits from Singer's main banking businesses rose 11 per cent to £4.76 million. despite a £10 million fall in the loan book to £255 million. Mr Hodson said the bank had reduced some less profitable areas of lending but had

Weak dollar hurts Courtaulds BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

capital expenditure and a

THE ailing dollar and high mines our competitiveness as from 4.2p to 4.4p a share

European interest rates are threatening the prosperity of Courtaulds Textiles. Pre-tax profits edged from £16.6 million to £17.0 million in the first half of 1992, but Martin Taylor, chief executive, claims the increase would have been twice as big had exchange rates held steady. Chronic dollar weakness,

reinforced by the high level of interest rates in Europe, is adding to the pressure on margins, he says. "It under-

well as weakening the markets Below the line, the sale of

into which we sell."

A property revaluation has led to a £9.4 million or 13 per cent write-down of land and Profits for the half year were

hit by a £2 million exceptional ting to the restructuring of the clothing division. A year ago there was a comparable £500,000 charge. months were 12.7p (12.3p)

closed factories is largely responsible for a £4.4 million credit, against a £7.2 million charge a year ago, pushing up attributable profits to £107.2 million against £5.2 million.

Courtaulds' branded clothhigh street recession, with profits sinking from £2.8 million to £1.7 million, but own-Earnings per share for the six label clothing rose to \$4.7 million (£4.2 million) as costand the interim dividend rises cutting measures took effect.

TOTAL: First half results 1992 The Exploration and Production segment, which had an operating income close to that of the first half of 1991, has increased

the Board of Directors during the meeting of September 22, show the following results for the first half of 1992:

Millions of french francs		Six months ended						
	June 30. 1992	June 30, 1991	Dec. 31, 1991					
Sales	68,755	69,584	73,435					
Cash flow	5,287	7,614	6,040					
Operating income of busi	ness							
segments	3,403	5,767	4,565					
Net income after minority	y							
interests	1,906	3,610	2,200					
Earnings per share (FF)	9.0	18.8	10.4					
Earnings per A.D.S. (\$)	0.88	N.A.	1.01					

The 47% decrease in net income after minority interests which was FF1,906 million compared to FF3,610 million in the first half of 1991 was achieved during a difficult economic environment in which hopes for a world economic recovery have not been confirmed. This economic situation is characterized by a weak demand for petroleum products, in particular in the industrialized countries, and by a depressed level of prices and margins. The consequences are reinforced by the growing weakness of the dollar against European currencies: although, on average it was stable for the period (FF5.48 compared to FF5.55 in 1991), it closed at FF5.13 compared to FF0.14 as of June 30, 1991.

The resulting decrease in carnings, which was experienced generally within the oil industry, in comparison with the first half of 1991, should be evaluated in the context of the unusual situation created by the Gulf crisis which brought refining margins to an exceptionally high level during the first quarter of 1991.

The sales of the combined business segments of the Group were

at a level comparable to that of the first half of 1991. An analysis by segment shows a small decrease in petroleum activity sales for which the increase in volumes has not compensated for the decrease in prices. In contrast, the sales of the chemicals segment significantly increased, above the amount related to acquisitions made. Cash flow was FF5,287 million compared to FF7,014 million for

the first half of 1991. Earnings per share decreased from FF18.8 to FF9.0. This amount takes into account the 10% increase in the number of shares during the past year. The impact of exceptional items on those results was very minor

as was the case for the first half of 1991. Operating income was FF3,403 million and can be broken down

Milhons of french francs	Six months ended						
	June 30, 1992	June 30, 1991	Dec. 31, 1991				
Exploration and Productio	n 1,315	1,418	1,521				
Trading and Middle East	304	542	495				
Refining and Marketing	932	3,084	1,784				
Chemicals	852	723	765				
Total	3,403	5,767	4,565				

its production. Calculated according to SEC rules, the production has increased in total by % compared to the first half of 1991, of which 7% relates to gas (972 million cubic feet per day compared to 912 million cubic feet per day) and 12% to oil (154,000 barrels per day compared to 138,000 barrels per day). The average sales prices of oil and gas decreased by 8% and 6%, respectively, during the same period.
The decrease in Trading and Middle East operating income

is due primarily to the impact of the sharp drop in shipping rates (down 40% compared to the first half of 1991) which has reduced the operating result of the marine transportation activity and, in an indirect manner, that of the products trading for which the international markets have been very depressed. Production of crude oil in the Middle East decreased by 5% (305,000 barrels per day compared to 323,000 barrels per day), in particular, in the United

The Mining segment, now part of the Trading and Middle East segment, has confirmed its return to prolitability.

The Refining and Marketing segment is responsible for most of the decrease in operating income. The first half of 1992 was characterized primarily by:

a significant decrease in refining margins in Europe. The average margin of a European complex refinery dropped from 5.28/b for the first half of 1991 to 2.18/b for the first half of 1992. This low level, caused by a depressed economic situation and a high inventory level at the beginning of the period, was maintained throughout the summer; the continuing weak margins in the United States in the first

The good performance of the marketing activity in Europe should be noted. Growth in market share was achieved and

productivity of the network increased due to continued streamlining efforts. The growth in sales of unleaded gasoline contributed to this productivity of the network increased due to continued streamlin The Chemicals segment has confirmed its progress despite the weakness in thany of its markets. The increase in operating income

resulted from the excellent performance of Hutchinson, the good profitability level in paints and the significant improvement in resins and inks, notably from productivity gains in the past two years. The gross capital expenditures of the Group were FF7,891 nillion compared with FF8.582 million in the first half of 1991.

The net debt to equity ratio was 30% on June 30, 1992 compared to 31.5% on June 30, 1991. It had been 25% at December 31, 1991 after the October 1991 capital increase.

TOTAL Parent Company: Net income increased to FF3.047 million, compared with FF2,273 million for the first half of 1991.



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Shares soar £12bn as bears run for cover

THE stock market responded enthusiastically to the Bank of England's latest move to prop up the ailing pound, making its biggest one-day rise since the general election in April.

Share prices and government bonds rose dramatically, with the FT-SE 100 index shaking off its gloom to soar 68.9 points to 2,381.9 after having reached an 18-month low earlier this week. A massive £12.87 billion was added to the value of Britain's publicly quoted companies, with prices being squeezed higher as the bears rushed to cover their short positions with just one day of the two-week account left. By the close of business, a total of 551 million shares had changed hands, which failed to justify the

market's rise. Sentiment received a muchneeded boost as the prospect of another rise in interest rates. or a devaluation of the pound. began to fade after the Bank's decision to borrow £7.25 billion in the form of Ecus made up of various foreign curren-

Brokers appeared happy that the threat to rates and the pound had receded for the time being, but many of them admitted that the equity mar-

Tokyo — The Nikkei index surged and closed 798.77

points, or 4.54 per cent, higher at 18,386.49. Revived

hopes of lower interest rates

and talk of the government

issuing deficit-financing

that had been oversold and

demand for blue chips helped

Turnover rose to about 500

million shares, compared with

418 million shares on Wed-

nesday. Rising shares out-

numbered falls by eight to three, with 727 higher, 276

lower, and 120 unchanged.

Tadashi Kawakami, of

Merrill Lynch, said: "People

The buying back of issues

bonds boosted sentiment.

ket had started to look oversold and that this turnround may be an over-reaction. Some investors may have had a rethink about yesterday's events by the time trading resumes this morning.

Volatility in the futures market also fuelled some of the gains in the cash market. The September series finished with a premium of about 28 points. compared with its fair value of 5 points, as dealers struggled to cover short positions.

Blue chips led the way higher, with double-figure gains in many instances. ICI was up 35p to £11.06, Allied-Lyons 19p to 572p, P&O 25p to 358p, Bass 25p to 500p, BOC Group 12p to 634p, and Countaulds 20p to 438p. Companies with high gearing or whose business relies on lower interest rates also made

The market also had to contend with a long list of trading statements from leading companies

Sun Alliance jumped 18p to 240p despite weighing in with half-year losses totalling £97.9 million. But the performance was better than the City had expected and the deficit fell short of the the £1 14.1 million recorded this time last year.

ENTERPRISE OIL: SHARES CONTINUE TO SLIDE 500

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The group said the IRA bombing of the City of London had resulted in a £42

million claim. The rest of the composites 153p, and Guardian Royal Exchange 2p to 127p. The market had second thoughts about the interim figures from Ladbroke, with

BP climbed back above £2 with a rise of 6p to 201p amid the first signs that British investors may be having a change of heart. One broker is known to be trying to satisfy a large buy order on behalf of an institutional client for up to 20 million shares. More than 8 million were traded yesterday.

took heart from Sun Alliance's performance with Commercial Union climbing 10p to 465p. General Accident 6p to 424p, Royal Insurance 2p to

the shares finishing unchanged at 148p, after briefly touching 156p. Pre-tax profits were up from £98.2 million to £103 million, but this included

E23 million from the sale of hotels. The group has main-tained the interim dividend and has promised to hold the final. Peter Joseph, an analyst at Smith New Court, the broker, is keeping to his forecast for the full year of £230 million, which includes

£40 million from hotel disposю 13бр. als, but others are looking for no more than £210 million-Reckitt & Colman, the foods and household products group, touched 543p before £225 million. ending the day 2p lower at 527p after raising first-half pre-tax profits by £6.6 million Half-year figures from Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine group, failed to live up to expectations, leaving the price to £134.2 million. Burmah Castrol pleased an-

132p after seeing interim profits double to £34 million

after a drop in interest charges

from £14 million to £9 million.

tive products group, respond-

ed to a rise in half-year pre-tax profits of £14.4 million to

£34.7 million with a rise of 9p

But Enterprise Oil contin-

Govett, the broker, bought the

shares at 315p each and sold

them to clients at 3182p each

- a discount of 8.5 per cent to

the ruling market price. The

seller is believed to have been

Gartmore Investment Man-

MICHAEL CLARK

Shares in T&N, the automo-

4p cheaper at 128p. Pre-tax profits were up from £11 alysts with a better than exmillion to £20 million and the pected performance, showing dividend was maintained, but net profits 26 per cent higher the figures were at the bottom at £41.6 million. The shares were rewarded with a markend of forecasts. Smith New Court was unimpressed and up of 23p to 568p. reduced its profit estimate for ued to lose ground, falling 4p to 320p, after a placing of 2 the current year from £110 million to £90 million and for next year by £20 million to per cent of the company's shares carlier this week. Hoare

£170 million. Williams Holdings rallied from an early markdown after announcing interim pre-tax profits down \$4.5 million to £72 million.

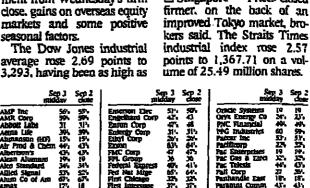
The share price finished 20p better at 250p after some reassuring words at the ana-

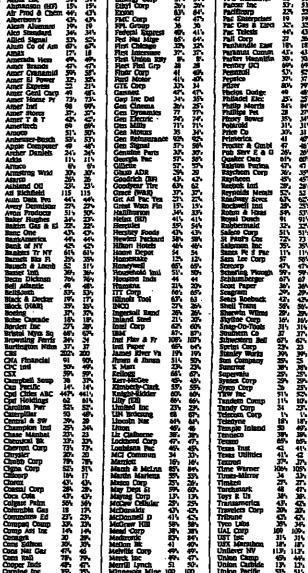
lysts' meeting. Cookson jumped 11p to

New York - Share prices rose slightly in quiet morning dealings, helped by strong sentiment from Wednesday's firm close, gains on overseas equity markets and some positive seasonal factors.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.69 points to 3,298 and as low as 3,291. The Dow average rose by 24 points on Wednesday. ☐ Singapore — Prices closed

improved Tokyo market, brokers said. The Straits Times





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were staying sidelined in the morning, trying to see the

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reaching its low for the day, of 17,396.43, down 191.29

covering was triggered by market talk that the Bank of Japan may cut its discount rate to help stop the yen's rise. Talk of the government issuing deficit-financing bonds to help fund its big package of eco-nomic measures also cheered sentiment. However, there was scepticism among investors about such rumours and only investment trusts were buying back the oversold shares. Other investors were

The market opened firmer

weak days. But the market turned around as investment trusts bought back oversold bank issues." Brokers said that short-

WORLD MARKETS

Nikkei up 798 points on rate cut hopes

calm and inactive.

market's direction after two and was motionless until midmorning. Then profit-taking and futures-linked selling hit trading, with the Nikkei

> points, in the late morning. However, program-linked buying by investment trusts began as the futures market was boosted on rumours and the Nikkei kept rising, peaking at 18,461.66, up 873.94 points, minutes before the

> ☐ Frankfurt — A bout of heavy short-covering helped shares to claw back most of the previous two days' losses and make gains of 1.6 per cent. The Dax index moved narrowly around the 1.530 mark

for most of the day, ending 24.08 points up at 1,530.75. ☐ Hong Kong — Prices saw one of the quietest days in weeks, becalmed by a lack of news and lingering caution about familiar worries. The Hang Seng index finished down 11.99 points at 5.722.46, with the finance sub-index taking a slight

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Trump card for sterling

ctions speak a lot louder than Norman Lamont's words on the steps of the Treasury. Lamont's words on the steps of the The plan cooked up by the Bank of England and the Treasury, to borrow £7.2 billion in marks and other foreign currencies and dump them on the foreign exchanges for sterling, is both decisive and clever. Borrowing was needed anyway to finance the burgeoning public sector deficit and to spread the load now that the building societies have ruled out a big rise in National Savings. The government has also committed our money heavily to its own commitment to maintain sterling's parity with the mark. If sterling were devalued, the losses would now run much higher than Mr Lamont's job.

That combination of government resolve with heavy official buying of sterling, which has been determined in advance but could come at any time. will massively raise the short-term risk for anyone thinking of selling the pound short near to its ERM lower limit. Promised buying of sterling is quite different from the mere risk that the Bank of England could intervene with the reserves. For a fairly modest interest rate premium, the authorities have therefore reduced substantially the near-term risk that they would have to raise domestic interest rates to shore up the currency. The move needs, however, to be seen in two contexts. As an insurance policy against a French non to Maastricht, it looks excellent value. In the more likely event that the ERM gets back to normal after September 20, the calculations might look less attractive. Moves to drive sterling up will offer backing for the prime minister's commitment to ERM parities but would demonstrate the artificiality of that parity. Sterling would become even more a creature of financial manipulation, unnecessarily high interest rates being backed by intervention that could hardly be claimed as a smoothing operation.

The Chancellor's trump card for sterling should raise its standing in the ERM more strongly in coming days than appeared yesterday, but that merely shifted pressure back onto the Italian lira. The French referendum has diverted attention from the more fundamental imbalances in the international financial system, basically caused by German reunification and the ensuing 6 point gap between German and American interest rates. These tensions will remain if the French fall into line. Britain, after seeking approval of its ERM partners, has virtually ruled out the option of any general realignment. That leaves the imbalance more exposed than before, though it has the useful effect of pointing the finger clearly at Germany and the Bundesbank.

Sun shines

un Alliance may still be making losses when some rivals have returned to profit but the sharp improvement in performance discernible beneath its modest cut in pre-tax losses has provided the insurance sector with its best news at the very end of the interim results season. The group heavily underestimated its mortgage indemnity losses in the first half of 1991. Excluding the April bomb claims, underlying losses may have come down by about £110 million. Britain's premier composite has also made a start in answering those who considered that arrogance might have made it complacent. Rate increases and measures to reduce costs and cut out poor business round the globe are bearing fruit faster than management hoped. There is still a long way to go. The group will probably still lose £150 million or more this year and the thought is now of dividend cuts rather than increases. The payment is still likely to be held, so the shares might find old friends on a 7.5 per cent dividend yield.

Willis braces himself to address the perilous state of the union

The TUC, which meets next week, must confront the threat to its existence from legislation and the rise of super unions,

Ross Tieman reports

ow Norman Willis must dread the Glorious Twelfth Each year, the mid-August start to the grouse shooting season seems to coincide with a renewed assault on the position of the Trades Union Congress general secretary. This year, the volley of sniping about his leadership and the calls for him to quit have been even more intense.

True to form, the 59-year-old general secretary, elected to office in 1984, has insisted that he is entitled to stay until the age of 65, but will not. "That is the only decision I have

taken," he said.
Poor Mr Willis. The general secretary of the TUC is an educated, amiable and decent man. For eight years, he has struggled to marshal a coherent response from divided union leaders in the face of an onslaught on trade union rights, the like of which has not been seen in Britain since the 1920s.

He is, after all, the spokesman of a general council of some 50 members, a general council that was utterly wrongfooted by the wide popular support that Thatcherism often enjoyed. If the message from Mr Willis was incoherent, that was in part because his council was divided. His achievement in avoiding a greater split in the TUC's ranks should not be underestimated.

Throughout the TUC's exile from influence, the general secretary has served as punchbag for ministers and union general secretaries alike. Even on the ropes, he has frequently shamed more aggressive ministerial critics of trade unions through his self-evident honesty. But he has rarely outshone them. As a speaker, Mr Willis lacks the bite and the originality needed to present new TUC policies to the public.

Until the trade union movement gets its house in order, however, those presentational failings remain a sideshow. It is hard to see how John Monks, the TUC deputy general secretary and Mr Willis's heir apparent, could make a much better fist of the job without a more positive agenda to pursue.

That agenda can no longer be ducked. Two issues will overhang Britain's trade unionists as they gather in Blackpool this weekend for the 124th Congress. Both raise serious questions about the future of

The first threat comes from the pledge by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary, to reintroduce the employment bill, which fell by the wayside because of April's election. The bill will contain a clause entitling workers to join the union of their choice. Admirable that may sound, but the effect will be to outlaw the



Dodging the snipers again: Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC

TUC's Bridlington Rules, governing the conduct of unions in relation to one another, and are thus at the heart of the TUC's raison d'être.

The Bridlington rules were cobbled together in 1939 at an autumn congress in the Yorkshire seaside town that gave them their name, when everyone was preoccupied by the impending war. For more than 50 years, they have kept the peace between unions, more or less, by preventing the poaching of members. Without the policeman's role, what part will the TUC play?

The intervention of government coincides with pressure from changes within the union movement itself. The era of the super union is just around the corner.

This year has seen the merger of the AEU engineering union with the electricians' EEPTU to form the AEEU, a craft union with a million members. Britain's three big public Cohse, are on course to merge into a single main public sector union with 1.4 million members.

Preliminary jockeying for position is under way, which could lead to a merger between the GMB and the T&GWU, creating a general union of two million members. Other links appear inevitable. The forces toward

merger are complex. Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Nupe, admitted to being "sick and tired" of the duplication of services, divisions over strategy and the waste of financial resources.

Money matters: in industry, the impact of the manufacturing recession on the AEU was salutary. Membership fell by more than a tenth in a single year as companies cut iobs. As the size of manufacturing plants declined during the past decade, so the union found itself serving a smaller number of employees, in a larger number of locations. Each plant requires more attention from full-time officials. Improved communications enable officials to cover more ground, and render superfluous dense networks of offices built up over a century, which have become ever more costly to run. The AEU started sliding into loss.

cians' union has enabled a rationalisation of branch offices and promises to give the AEEU a profitable platform from which to launch a membership campaign on the strength of the services and support it can offer. It also simplifies bargaining — to the advantage of both employers and

unions. When the economy recovers, it will give union leaders more muscle in talks with employers.

Economies of scale have become important to the survival of trade unions. John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, has suggested that without at least 600,000 members, a union cannot economically maintain the infrastructure necessary to support a nationwide membership.

Smaller unions will thrive only if they restrict themselves to a narrower base, either regional or confined to an interest group spread across a limited range of industries and sites.

The emergence of a single big craft union, another for most of the public. the ranks of the trade unions. In services and a huge general union would give three unions a majority of the TUC's eight million members, and therefore command of its direction. But will the super unions still need the TUC? Each would be large purchasing economies, command discounts from retailers for its members.

There is now a real possibility that the TUC could become little more than a support organisation for unions too small to enjoy the economies of scale of their larger brethren. Such threats to the TUC will not be

next week. In public, Congress will endeavour once more to paper over the cracks. The dispute over the readmission of the electricians, suspended four years ago for breaches of the Bridlington rules, will almost certainly be kicked into touch to minimise its power to divide. And what of Mr Willis's future?

Critics argue that if he is going to go. when the Labour party has just lost an election and replaced its leader. A new TUC general secretary would thus have four years to develop a sound working relationship with John Smith before the next election. They also suggest that unless that happens, the TUC will continue to

Mr Willis, in turn, might well suggest that until the unions can decide the TUC's future, there is little sense in choosing a new leader. However, if the pressure to quit becomes overwhelming, he will go

owever cloudy the future of the TUC, the modernisation of trade unionism may vet stem movement's fortunes. Membership among women has started to rise in some sectors. If the new super unions can prove themselves effective, and deliver services efficiently and at low cost, they will attract new members. The recession is already beginning to help recruitment campaigns in some

The unions' most difficult task. however, is to rehabilitate their public image, especially in the South. The plan by MSF, the technical union, to seek quality assurance recognition for its operations is ample evidence of the growing influence of a new breed of union officer.

Many middle-ranking full-time union officials have spent most of their working lives under the Thatcherite political régime. They have adapted: they have taken on the wider ambitions of their members for less confrontational, more productive relationships with their employers.

In the private sector, at least, they are also party to a new kind of employee relations regime that has devolved much decision-making over the production process to the workforce. Thanks to the recession. unions and companies have become partners in a joint struggle for A new pragmatism and profession-

alism can be seen advancing within addition, the TUC will next week unveil its "big idea:" a campaign for a return to full employment. The project is shrewd, since it is sure to strike a chord at a time when many fear for their jobs, and those in work support those who are not.

Mr Willis may not be the ideal general secretary to present it. However, he need not. The vanguard, this time, will be the leaders of the super And that will leave Mr Willis free to

wave his goodbyes in his own good, and not so very distant, time.

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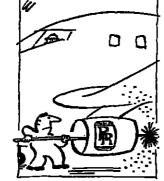
Crosthwaite woos Whitaker

LARGER than life stockbro-

ker Robert Whitaker, until recently at Hoare Govett, will resurface on Monday at Henderson Crosthwaite, as a corporate finance director. Whitaker, aged 48, who laments that he is on yet another diet - although this time not sponsored for his pet charity, the October Club — and therefore off the drink, says his brief is to introduce corporate clients. "Henderson clients. Crosthwaite has never been a proper corporate broker," says Whitaker, who worked for Sheppards & Chase for 12 years, before joining Hoare Govert nine years ago. "It is an independent corporate broker with some bloody good analysts and it is going to be the next Cazenove." Peter Ross, Henderson's chairman, agrees with Whitaker's synopsis. "We are the only agency broker which has made significant profits every year since Big Bang." he says, "and our research will continue to be unfenered even though we have suffered from having a relatively small list of corporate clients. We now feel that the institutions would like us to take on more responsibility in that area." Charlie Hue Williams, ex-Kleinwort Benson, joined Henderson to develop its oil book and Ross hints that the staff list could soon grow further. "We are expanding," he says.

Heart rending

LEGAL & General's charity boules competition, always intended to have a French fla-



vour, now looks assured of being a thoroughly Gallic affair. The competition is in aid of Struth, the heart research unit at St Thomas's Hospital. The date, set long before President Mitterrand ever thought of holding a referendum, is September 20, otherwise known as French "Maastricht day". Among those expected to attend is Edouard Boshi. managing director of L&G in France. Whether he is a oui or a non is not yet known but L&G chief executive David Prosser, who is hosting the event, will no doubt get a chance to find out on the day.

Seeing stars THE friendly rivalry between London's top hotels took a poetic turn this week when the new Lanesborough Hotel, which claims to be "the first six star hotel in London", played host to the American Express Expressions Awards of Excellence - and lost out to its lowly five star competitor, Claridges. Claridges, criticised by the Lanesborough's general manager for not having a compresystem, took the awards for

being both the best hotel in Britain and for being the best city centre hotel. Its sister hotel, the Savoy, was runner up in both categories. According to the Savoy Group, the Lanesborough, run by wealthy Texan. Caroline Hunt. has also failed in its bid to poach its regular Texan guests, such as Baron and Baroness di Portanova, who book Claridges' royal suite - the minimum cost for an ordinary suite there is £550 a night - for three or more months each summer. "They are all with us again this year," a spokes-woman confirms.

THERE was a sudden flurry of computerised activity at British Gas the other day when the title of a new memorandum was flashed on its computerised bulletin board. It read: "Sick Pay for Stagger

Tax break THE poor old taxman is, it

seems, universally unpopular. The following letter — published verbatim in the Cape Times - was recently received by the Zimbabwean Receiver of Revenue: "Collector of Taxes, Harare. Dear Sir, I have to refer to the attached form. I regret so grave I am unable to complete the form as I do not know what is meant by filling this form. However, I am not interested in this income service. Would you please cancel my name from your books as this service has upset my mind and I do not know who has registered me as one of your customers.

CAROL LEONARD

Case for ending employers' NI contributions

From Mr R. Cooper

Sir, Whilst some ministers and MPs state that our economy is "bumping along the bottom", from the barricades of industry the situation is worsening almost daily.

in a nutshell, since 1945 our manufacturing industries have declined. Successive government attempts at halting this decline have been based on investment allowances, exchange and interest rate manipulation.

None has worked in the long term and whilst there is a current outcry to increase investment, reduce the value of sterling and lower interest rates, without a competitive labour cost any or all of these would not cure the steady decrease in our share of world manufacturing.

Our two prime resources are people and energy. The CBI states that 47 per cent of our manufacturing costs are personnel-related and of the 18 leading industrial nations, we are the only country selfsufficient in energy. Therefore, the imposition of 10.4 per cent National Insurance (NI) charge on personnel, as well as any taxes on exploration, drilling and/or distribution costs on oil and other

fossil fuels are inappropriate. There should only be a tax on consumption and not a preventive to production. Such levies and impositions should be applied to the results of the usage and not be a preventive beforehand.

For a government that considers itself to be non-interventionist, and further considers it has done much to remove the militancy of non-productive members of trade unions to ensure increased productivity and reduced inflation, it is inconsistent to impose the NI charge. This increases our costs of manufacture, thereby making us less competitive and increasingly accounting ourselves out of business.

How many ministers or MPs would agree that it is sensible to impose a tax on the exports of our manufacturing and agricultural products? Yet this is the effect of these impositions. The government has not only intervened but has done so with these throtfling constraints, albeit the method of the imposed

charges was inherited.
With the current dilemma of the government, there is a prime opportunity to regenerate industry and give confidence to our people. The withdrawal of 10.4 per cent from our labour costs and a reduction in distribution levies, taxes and VAT on energy would considerably increase our export competitiveness. The shortfall in the NI revenue to the government would be more than recouped from increased profits tax.

Lord Ridley of Liddesdale, a former minister of transport, is on record as stating that various taxes and levies by the government cannot be attributable and all revenue is collected for a central fund. Therefore, there is no cause for NI to be directly identifiable with industry.

If the Chancellor wished to use variations to ensure that the revenue is not lost to the Exchequer, many options are open to him, one being that no dividends should be paid prior to a first charge on profits tax equating to the waived NI contribution.

The result of the immediate removal of this historic charge. for so many years ill thought out at its stage of imposition. would be to: generate addi-tional profitability immediately; reverse the trend of unemployment; start to gener-

ate additional profitability, which could then be taxed to reduce the PSBR; and give manufacturers and exporters a level playing field with thrusting competitive manufacturing countries, such as Japan, South Korea, Taiwan,

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The government has this immediate opportunity to obtain an improvement for the future of itself and its people and withdraw this self-imposed preventive and outdated preventive of prime resource

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Indonesia and China.

Pensions abroad From Mr C. Vincent Kerr

Sir, Not only are retirement pensioners living abroad denied pension increments, as Mr Burges writes (Business Letters. August 27) but those who have to retire on grounds of ill health before reaching pensionable age (65 and 60 years respectively for men and women) are denied invalidity benefit altogether if they choose to live abroad, even though all requirement contributions have been paid.

One can see the general need to retain the possibility of supervision but there must be occasions when both the patient's GP and the government doctor would concur that a person's sickness is indeed permanent (or worse).

In such cases, where is the justice of the restriction, especially for the over-60s? Yours faithfully, C. VINCENT KERR, 43 Abbeygate Street. Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Reform of retirement rules

From Mr David Lindsay

Sir, As you rightly say (Comment September 1), there should be choice to draw the state pension from age 60 or to defer it, but the level at 60 should be no less than the current, basic pension, which is modest enough by international standards, and still no more than the 20 per cent average earnings level set by Beveridge 50 years ago. This reform could be finan-

ced within the scheme, and so be of no concern to the Treasury. for example, by increasing NI contributions by 1 per cent of pay, which surveys show to be acceptable for the benefit it will achieve. An added bonus would be the impact state pension avail-

ability to 1.6 million men of age 60-65 would have not only on unemployment, but also in stimulating the economy through converting a form of income now more likely to he saved into one most likely to be spent

Yours faithfully, DAVID LINDSAY. Past Chairman, Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages (CESPA). 36 Orchard Coombe, Whitchurch Hill. Berkshire.

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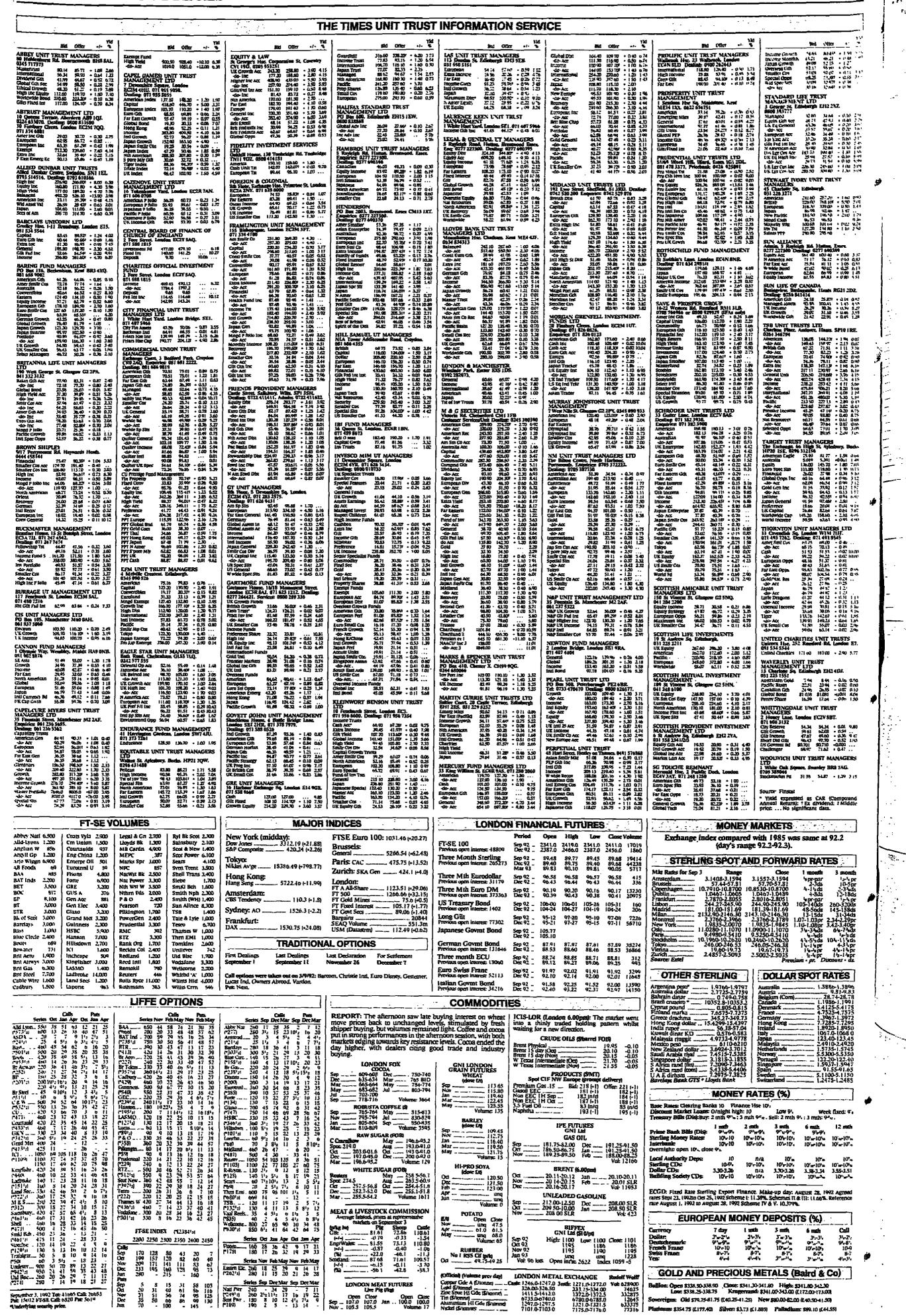
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As more small businesses have realised that the BS5750 quality standard is going to affect them. the worries about it have risen. leading to considerable hostility over what is regarded as another bureaucratic imposition. The anxieties were made clear in the latest NatWest quarterly survey of small business (Derek Harris writes). Many are concerned that certification will raise costs without improving quality, the survey found. Others fear they will be forced out of business because they cannot avoid the cost of certification. Many also questioned how far BS5750 as it stands was relevant to small firms. Fifty-two per cent of the firms surveyed do not intend to take the certification road while a further 19 per cent are undecided. There were 2.5 per cent who had secured certification, 8 per cent were currently doing so and a further 17 per cent plan to do so.

NatWest Survey of Small Business, from Small Business Research Trust, School of Management, Open University. Walton Hall, Milton Keynes MK7 6AA; £15.

☐ Eight country women, with a business idea and an interest in learning information technology skills, will start a Rural Women's Back to Business course on September 14 at Warwickshire Rural Enterprise Network. The free course at Stoneleigh Park, complete with day nursery, lasts about three months and includes all business subjects, plus word processing, spread-sheeting and desk-top publishing. Trainees will have the opportunity to gain the RSA's small business certificate. This is one of the first training initiatives for unemployed and returning women living in remote areas. An experimental course last spring led to enterprises such as mobile secretarial services, a wedding reception consultancy and business bed and breakfast, with fax and secretarial facilities. Five courses will be held by the end of 1993, with funding from the EC and Coventry & Warwickshire TEC. More details on 0203 696986.

☐ To meet the interest in exporting shown by many small firms, an Export Business Briefing, giving an overview of the mechanics and the training available, has been produced by the Institute of Export. The booklet is free to members; non-members pay £1.50, plus 50p

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EDITOR DEREK HARRIS

Market research paved way for specialist holidays in Cumbria

MARKET research scored for Diana Stewart when, in her midfifties, she set up in business tailoring specialist holidays in Cumbria for a worldwide clientele. She had taken early retirement from Newcastle University, where she had been a welfare services consultant for 14 years. Seeking inspiration on where to direct her life from there, she travelled to Germany and met two Canadian tourists. They were off to visit the English lakes on what sounded like a complicated, risky and stressful programme that had been devised by an agent.

Mrs Stewart felt sure she could do better. With an earlier back-ground in the Royal Air Force - in photographic interpretation and administration — it was natural that she should decide first to carry out a reconnaissance.

Her market research, including scrutinising travel agents and tour operators in Europe and North America, was financed to the tune of 70 per cent by a grant from the trade department

She found there was a need for in-country specialists, able to compile tailor-made itineraries for tourists seeking something more individual than packaged holidays. By chance, in America, she came

across a publication. Speciality Travelling Index, which lists international specialists. Whether a tourist wants to back-pack, cycle or chase wild animals, a travel agent can consult the reference book and pick an appropriate organiser in whatever country.

Mrs Stewart is listed for Cum-

bria, UK, as a specialist in history, archaeology, fell-walking and road tours. "It has produced a healthy number of clients," she says. "Satisfied clients also spread the word

and generate more requests."

A nationally qualified Blue Badge Guide, Mrs Stewart takes pains over analysing clients' needs and arranges travel, guides, accommodation and the cultural experiences requested. Some like to go to specific events.

Because the holiday business is seasonal, Mrs Stewart has also diversified. She produces a compilation of information on events, What's On In Cumbria, which she supplies to hotels, guest houses and other clients, including the area's information centres, against payment of an annual subscription. An additional fee secures monthly updates. She reckons that this

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Vacation organiser: Diana Stewart, right, hopes for a profit in her fourth year in the business

information service now contributes half her income. It seems to be reliable - most subscribers have renewed more than once.

The business is into its fourth rear and Mrs Stewart says: "I believe I could be earning a living from it in about two years' time."

Her first year of heavy capital

spending - on a car and office equipment — consumed a loan from the West Cumbria Development Agency. The second year saw a small operating loss and the third looks as if it will come out at about breakeven at the operating level. Mrs Stewart believes the current

year could produce a moderate

operating profit. She says: "Part of my planning strategy was to build up a business, which I could continue for some years, even if, in the future, my health precluded my doing the energetic aspects of guiding. Moreover, when I want to retire, I will have a business which

Contact gives lonely the opportunity to make friends

By Christopher Browne

WHEN Wilma Tait's marriage broke up she decided she had three priorities - first, she needed money, second, she wanted to be busy and third, she sought companion-ship. So she started a singles agency for the over 50s, called

Mrs Tait used £10,000 from her husband's settlement to buy a desktop computer, photocopier and office furniture. She then asked her son, a graphic designer, to create letterheads and stationery, converting the front room of her home in Caversham Heights, Reading.

Berkshire, into an office.
Mrs Tait put an advertisement in the Management Retirement Guide, which brought about 30 replies. Their names, addresses, telephone numbers and interests were immediately put on computer, forming Connacts first pool of single people. Her ideas were then followed up by the Reading Evening Post, which drew more people on to the over 50s register.

Mrs Tait had been doing volun-

tary social work for several years and she was asked to appear on a BBC television programme about the elderly. In the show she spoke of the problems the over 50s faced when going on holiday alone. As a result, more than 200 viewers wrote to the BBC. Mrs Tait had now collected a nucleus of interested people.

After the television show. Mrs Tait drew up a list of events for her new Contact members, including formightly visits to museums, art galleries and National Trust parks and guided tours of London, where members of both sexes could meet

and enjoy each other's company. She then organised coach trips to places of interest - and finally twoweek holiday tours.

Individuals pay E3S to join the Contact register. They can also join a Contact pen-friends' club "to revive the lost art of writing" and a club for those who are alone at

Contact at first only covered London and the Home Counties. However, Mrs Tait wrote to regional newspapers and magazines that featured her ideas and the agency spread all over England and even gained two clients in South Africa. Mrs Tait also contacted council social services departments, which put Contact in their directories as well as Age Concern, which put it in its literature. Mrs Tait arranged introduction meetings for members during the first year, but found they tended to make members too self-conscious. She now concentrates on events.

Contact has a total of 1,500 people on its register. Mrs Tait said: "I wouldn't describe myself as a marriage bureau, more as a friendly club for the lonely and likeminded."

She won a Berkshire small business award for service to the community earlier this year. Contact's overheads are minimal. Mrs Tait's house is paid for and her two 'employees" are her son and her daughter, a personnel manager. who helps with replies to some of

Now she plans to start a singles register for the 18-30s and is negotiating a sponsorship deal

Small firms seek change to uniform business rate

the uniform business rate (UBR) on small firms are being sought by the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB). Otherwise, it believes, more entrepreneurs will be driven out of business. John Harris, FSB's rates chairman, will meet John Redwood, the minister for local government, next week to ask for changes, including a banding system based

on property values. Mr Harris, who is also the FSB national chairman, said: "The UBR is hitting small companies

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CHANGES to ease the impact of very hard and, with the recession, is a factor in putting them out of business." Ultimately, he wants the UBR abolished in favour of a rate based on a business's size, success and ability to pay. At present, it is based on the "height of property values in 1988".

A big disadvantage for small firms, such as the FSB's 50,000 members, is that most authorities have failed to inform business ratepayers that they are entitled to apply for relief on hardship grounds. So only £23,000 was

remitted in 1990-1, from a total UBR income of £15 billion. Yet Section 49 of the 1988 Local Government Finance Act states that authorities may reduce or remit rates for businesses suffering hardship — the FSB fought for "hardship" to replace the original

word "poverty". When the inadequate response of town halls was shown by an FSB survey last spring. Mr Redwood made clear that local authorities have discretion to help businesses. He said: "They may reduce or

remit rate bills if a ratepayer would otherwise suffer hardship and it is in the interests of their community charge payers to do so. By doing this, an authority may assist in keeping a village store open or a local company in business."

In contrast, Mr Harris claims: Authorities are ignoring the spirit of the Act by saying they are obliged to take into account the interest of poll tax payers. Yet the guidelines say they must not make blanket decisions and that all cases must be dealt with individually."



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Big might not mean best

Supercomputers are under threat from high power 'clusters', says Matthew May

peed is not everything in much of the computer world, as some computer purchasers have discovered when buying the wrong machine just because it came out faster in tests against the competition.

In the more arcane world of supercomputers, however, speed has traditionally counted for much. The handful of manufacturers involved in their production are continualy vying to win the accolade of fastest computer in the world, and, with it, the hope of attracting customers with the sort of number-crunching activities where speed continues to play a crucial role.

Estimated to be a market worth more than a billion pounds this year by the research firm Dataquest, some of the highest profile uses of supercomputers — such as the search for the largest prime number or the best chess playing program - are often seen as frivolous or largely

But equally there are far more serious tasks, such as the deciphering of coded mes-

sages in intelligence gathering

— GCHQ, has a Cray supercomputer for example the measurement of global warming or improving wea-ther forecasting. Increasingly there are commercial uses, from the safer design of aircraft, tower blocks or oil rigs to

complex financial planning.
Admiralty Research Establishment in Dunfermline uses a Cray supercomputer for its work on the design of ships and submarines while British Gas uses one to assess hazards in offshore and onshore-

Yet traditional supercomputer manufacturers have been facing suff competition from other companies which. by linking together hundreds or thousands of mass produced and relatively cheap



The crunch: power costing millions of pounds on display as a Nissan Cefiro's aerodynamics are examined on a Cray Research supercomputer

computer chips, are producing systems described as massively parallel that can give immense

computing power.
More competition is coming from advanced desktop "workstations" which when linked together in networks, can also rival the power of super-computers built only a few years ago and at much cheap-

Earlier this year the Lawrence Livermore laboratory in the United States cancelled plans to buy a supercomputer and instead ordered 14 highpowered workstations from IBM which will be "clustered" so that they can all work on a single problem at the same

The power of individual computer chips is increasing fast — so much so that Digital Equipment claims that the top performance of just one of its recently announced Alpha chips will be equivalent to the power of a basic supercomputer.

The result will be that today's supercomputer power will soon be available for

thousands rather than millions of pounds — a situation. it is argued, which will mean new applications will quickly become viable in the commercial world, such as image and speech processing.

Providing cheaper "power is not just to do with chip speed, however. In March this year Sun Microsystems, which claims 40 per cent of the market for workstations, pulled off what some in the industry believe was a considerable coup. It hired Boris Babaian, a top Russian computer scientist, and 50 members of his team who developed the Elbrus-3 supercomputer used for the then Soviet space and nuclear weapons programme.

This week the company flew Dr Babaian and eight members of his team from their base in Moscow to Sun's headquarters in the heart of California's Silicon Valley to announce that a further 33 software engineers from Russia are to join the team.

itself, but what he had to do to now take place at offices in St. Petersburg and Novosibirsk in make it work fast. Because USSR hardware is considera-Siberia as well as Moscow, will centre on compilers - which bly behind that of the West, Dr Babaian and his team are translate the English-like comcredited with having come up mands that programs are written in to the numerical instructions that a computer

> Apart from technical expertise, Sun will also benefit from the fact that employing Russians in their homeland is extremely cheap. The 50 staff hired in March receive only a few hundred dollars a year - a reasonable salary locally but a fraction of what they would earn in the US.

> "We can get a team of people for what it would cost for one or two in the US," David Ditzel, head of Sun's research unit told Business Week magazine in May. The savings on salaries alone will soon be running into several million dollars a year.

The spectre of cheap desktop competition means that traditional supercomputer manufacturers need to take continual and gigantic leaps in the power of the

machines they are developing if they are to stand any chance of being able to continue to charge millions of pounds for their efforts.

This is exactly what Fujitsu is promising with a machine to be introduced next week. The company claims that it will not only be the most powerful computer in the world but a "milestone in computing history" - one that will provide faster and more accurate solutions to the world's problems.

The new supercomputer will use a technique known as "highly vector parallel processing" which will tie together hundreds of chips. They will not be the cheap mass produced sort, however, but "vector" processors similar to those used in smaller numbers in traditional supercomputers.

The result will be both astonishingly fast and expensive - probably £40 million or more for a single machine compared to the company's current range, which costs from £1 million to £8 million

Loose fill packing could improve

Pop goes the foam

AN ECO-FRIENDLY version of the foam plastic beans that delicate office equipment is often packed in should be on the market in Europe this autumn.

Environmentalists have been seeking a replacement for the foam plastic beans for some years, as they are not recyclable, contain gases that deplete the ozone layer and consume limited resources. Unfortunately. their first attempt at a natural "loose fill" packing material was a disaster. It was popcorn.

Popcorn sounded ideal. It is a renewable and biodegradable re-**Packaging** source with no harmful bymakes up a products. It can be produced on third of the spot using dustbin inexpensive equipment.

eaten when unpacked, instead of just spilline all over the carnet generating static electricity

Theoretically, it

could even be

waste

as foam plastic does. "We were very keen to find a more environmentally friendly packaging than expanded polystyrene pel-lets, as we use 45 cubic feet of the stuff a week," says Carol Kent of Booklab, a library conservation labora-tory in Austin, Texas, which is one of the few places to have examined popcorn packaging scientifically.

"The trouble with popcorn is that it is actually more expensive than polystyrene, and is eight times as heavy. If it gets damp it collapses, and being a foodstuff it is very attractive to rats. And it contains traces of the oil it is popped in. which can conta items packed in it if they are not put in a bag first," she says.

Popcorn's performance was so bad that the idea was dropped. But a United States chemical company technology version which, it claims, has all of the benefits of popcorn but few

of the drawbacks. Eco Foam, developed by National Starch, is starch made from maize flour, extruded into a foam much like polystyrene but soluble in water. It is light and potentially cheap, and has none of the natural rubbish, such as husles and oils, found in popcorn. Once it is used, it simply dissolves away into biologically harmless carbohydrates.

Like popcorn. Eco Foam is a food starch, and it therefore has the same susceptibility to damp and rodents, but Gerry Hurst. marketing manager of

National Starch in Manchester. He says the product has been on sale for a year in the US and is about to arrive in Europe. Partners on the Continent are buying the extruders at a cost of £300,000 each to make Eco Foam, which should be on

sale by the end of the year. Will corn starch replace plastic foam? One problem is that environmentalists are less anti-polystyrene than they used to be. Most of the manufacturers have abandoned CFCs in blowing the foam, and even the disposal problem is not seen as particularly serious as polystyrene is not toxic.

Friends of the Earth campaigner Penni Walker prefers to attack the problem of packaging as a whole. "Packaging is about a third of what is found in an average British dustbin and that builds up to a significant amount in land-fill," she says.

CHRIS PARTRIDGE

Shake, rattle 'n' film

any home video recordings suffer from a very serious problem - camera shake. The problem has grown as the size and weight of combined video cameras and recorders, or camcorders, has shrunk.

Sales have boomed — more than 500,000 were sold last compared to just 70,000 five years ago, according to a report from market analysts, Euromonitor.

"Camcorders used to be bought mainly by 'tekkies' who had to have the latest gadgets. Now they are predominantly purchased by families and sales peak around the summer and Christmas holidays." the re-

The first camcorders were so large and heavy that users had to use both hands to support the machine - some models were even designed to be placed on the shoulder to provide a stable platform for recording.

However, many modern day carncorders are becoming almost as compact as a 35mm film carnera, and some models weigh less than a bag of sugar. even when loaded up with a battery and tape. This has led many people to operate their carncorder with one hand - a practice which can greatly increase camera shake.

Now the electronics company Sony - which has more than a quarter of the British market - has introduced an

Double the

The video camera has gone one step further in quality of pictures



Cutting down on wobble: the Steady Shot costs £1,100

£1.100 camcorder which it says will significantly reduce the effects of camera shake. The system, Steady Shot, has been developed with Canon and, unlike other systems, is

optical rather than electronic. Panasonic, for example, uses microchips on several of its camcorders which analyse the image for signs of shake and then electronically trim the edge of the picture where jitter is most noticable. The central part of the image is then expanded to fill the frame. Mitsubishi has developed another system which uses sensors to detect carnera movement and electronic processing to reduce shake.

Sony claims, however, that unlike electronic systems, the optical method does not cause a reduction in picture quality. Modern carncorders work

by passing light through a lens and on to a light-sensitive image chip known as a CCD. When a camcorder is jolted, the light passing through the lens is bent or refracted. The resulting image suffers from The Steady Shot carncorder

places a prism in front of the lens which consists of two glass plates joined together by a ilexible plastic material containing liquid — the flexible ring works like the bellows on an accordion player.

liquid has been designed to work through a range of temperatures, from 30-80°C, so that the camcorder can be used almost anywhere while the plastic ring can be flexed more than eight million times before breaking. When sensors detect carnera

Hired: Dr Boris Babaian

with extremely clever software

tricks to speed up the machine

as the only way to make the

primitive hardware stand any

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The work of the new Rus-

The developers say that the

sian employees, which will

squeezed together. This alters the angle of the light passing through the lens to compensate for any shake, and the image remains steady.

ork on Steady Shot began in 1987 and the original intention was to use it for still film cameras. However, Canon and Sony realised that there could be a greater demand from video users. Canon is expected to sell its version of video cameras using the system in Europe next year. Film cameras using a similar sys-

tem are also expected. Sony says that as consumer electronics items become more compact, the requirement for anti-shake systems will grow. People want portability from their products, but they also demand quality," Chris Baker, a Sony spokesman, says.

The company recently displayed a new portable compact disc player which has a "jog-proof" system, which en-ables the machine to play normally when it is knocked or jolted.

GEORGE COLE

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with twice the power capacity of most existing ones are to be prouced next year in a joint venture between two large Japanese companies, Toshiba and Asahi Chemical.

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kind for electronics use. This means that a laptop computer, which lasts for up three hours with most current batteries.

Costly choice

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But many of the products

advertised as Computer Aided Software Testing (CAST) do not provide the benefits

could run for about six.

claimed, according to a report

by the research firm, Ovum, which has tested 17 of the leading packages available. "Many are first generation

and provide a fraction of the power and ease of use of the newer, second generation tools, but people are still buying them," says Dr Stephen Norman, the author of the study.

games under lock and key fearing that youngsters will turn their shops into amusement arcades if they are allowed to play with demona thick manual to find the right syntax. With the advent of stration machines. More than Microsoft Windows 3.1. deft point 'n' clicks banish tortuous DOS 200 Cornet stores have thrown commands. If your PC is still Window-less, let Morse glaze you. caution to the wind with 'Gamesmaster Zones" de-

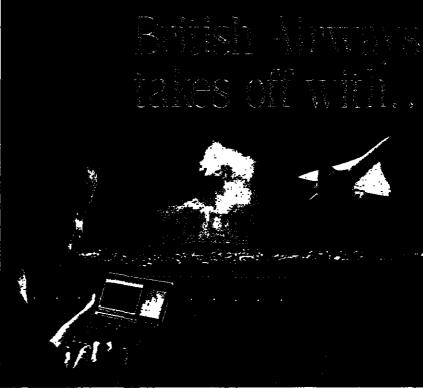
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IBM has also introduced a

The old man of tennis refuses to make a quiet or quick bow from the US Open

Connors finds plenty of life after 40

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

JIMMY Connors was never very good at taking hints. Though the moment for departure had been choreographed to perfection, with history and time central to the conspiracy. Connors obstinately refused to play a part in his own production.

Faced with a crowd of 21,000 at Flushing Meadow high on anticipation not so much of a victory but of one more night of passion, Con-nors took one look at Jaime Oncins and saw, as he has so many times on this court, a fresh-faced child ripe for intimidation and defeat. Despite two rounds of "Happy Birthday", the appearance of a cake, a neat and, it must be said, gracious speech of thanks by Connors, the old man was not ready to drop into the past tense nor to accept that life after 40 would be any different from before, particularly if the next few years involved administering severe tutorials to pupils almost half his age. Indeed, by the end of a 6-1.

6-2, 6-3 victory every bit as elementary as the scoreline, Connors was rubbing his hands in glee at the thought of renewing rivalry with Ivan Lendl in the second round.

Given that Lendl is desperately trying to do battle with advancing age himself and looked, during an interminable five-set victory against Jaime Yzaga, as if he was losing the struggle. Connors must have every hope of overturning a sequence of 16 straight defeats when the pair of former champions meet tomorrow night. Whatever the outcome, Lendl, at the age of 32, will learn the hard way in his first grand slam tournament as an American citizen that he is as much a stranger as ever in his adopted country.

S Edberg (Swe) bt L Malter (Br), 7-5, 7-5, 6-2: W Ferrera (SA) bt J Arrese (Sp), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; R Weiss bt F Davin (Arg), 6-1, ret-J Hissek (Swidz) bt M Gustarsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-3, 6-3; C Protham (Can) bt K Braasch

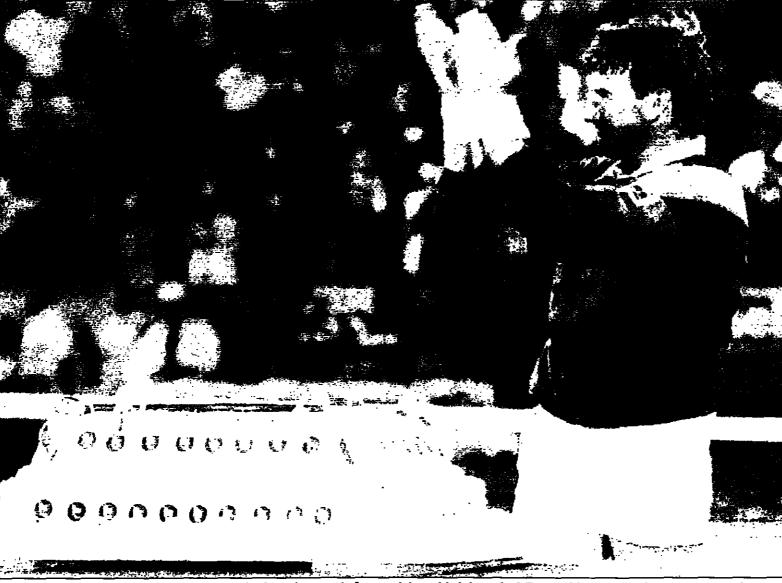
M Washington bt F Montana, 6-3, 7-6, 6-3; R Krapoek (Holf) bt F Clavet (Sp.), 7-8, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; M Goeltner (Ger) bt A Janyd (Swe), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0; I Lendi bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-7, 6-1, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 5-8 Bruguera (Sp) bt R Gälbert (Fr), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; J Comnors bt J Oncins (Br), 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; E Sanchez (Sp) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-2, 4-6, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6

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Men's singles



Having his cake: Connors shows his gratitude to the crowd after receiving a birthday cake following his first-round victory over Oncins

first-round match on television, he replied curtly: "Certainly not. I've seen enough tennis today.

No one could blame him. In 34 matches, Lendl has seen quite enough of Connors to know what to expect. Were his game in better shape, the encounter between the holders

K Evernden (NZ) and G Levendecker bt B Garnett and T Svertesson (Swe), 6-3. 6-3; H Davids (Holi) and L Pirnek (Bel) bt DiLucia and B MacPhile, 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; K Fach and T Witslein bt B Pearce and B Telbot (SA), 6-2, 6-4; H Holm (Swe) and B Pedersen (Nor) bt P Herincesson (Swe) and N Octoor (Nigeria), 6-3, 6-4; J Elbrigh (Holi) and P Hashius (Holi) bt A Kratzmenn (Aus) and R Resheed (Aus), 7-5, 8-4; T Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodbridge (Swe) and N Octoor (Swe) bt A Ariboritisch (Austrie) and M Octoor (Swe) bt A Ariboritisch (Austrie) and M Octoor (Swe)

bit A Antonitisch (Austria) and M Oosting (Holl), 6-3, 6-4; N Borwick (Aus) and S You! (Aus) tot T Middleton and J Stemanhic (Holl), 6-4, 6-7, 7-6; P Galbrath and D Visser (SA) bit B Gibbert and V Spadea, 6-1, 6-4; S Carmon and G van Emburgh bit D Nargiso (t) and J Sánchez (Sp.), 7-5, 6-4; M Kraizmann (Aus) and W Masur (Aus) bit D Eisenman and E Scherman, 8-4, 6-2.

Men's doubles

of eight United States Open titles and 16 grand slam titles would hold no fear for him. But strange magic occurs on the stadium court when Connors is playing at the witching hour and, unless he loses at least, Lendl will be the villain for the night. He might not

feel comfortable in the role.

B Schultz (Holl) bt P Paredis-Mangon (Fr), 6-2, 6-0; M Seles (Yug) bt L Raymond, 7-5, 6-0; P Hy (Can) bt J Weener (Austria), 6-2, 6-2, 5 Appelmans (Bel) bt C Wood (GB), 6-3, 6-2; R While bt S Rehe, 7-5, 5-7, 6-0; J Caprieti bt S Testud (Fr), 6-2, 6-3.

Women's singles

Second round

"We have played plenty of times here," he said. "I just hope that I can play better and keep the pressure on him." It was hardly an anthem of

On the other hand, victory for Connors over the No. 9 seed would eclipse everything

First round
L Allen and A Henncksson bt H Ludloft and
C Sure (Fd, 7-5, 6-4; Y Basula (Indo) and J
Durie (GB) bt L Gitz and T Price (SA), 6-1,
6-3, J-A Faul (Aus) and J Richerdson (NZ)
bt N Myego (Japan) and K-A Guse (Aus), 6-4,
6-4, C MacGregor and K Po bt L
Davenport and C Rubin, 6-1, 7-5,
M Oremans (Holl) and C Vis (Holl) bt C
Berljemin and J Sambrock, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; B
Fulco-Villefia (Arg) and V Rusino-Pascual
(SA) bt K Melseve (Bul) and B Fitmer (Ger),
7-5, 6-1; A Frazier and R Hrizek (Japan) bt A
Dechaume (Fr) and F Labat (Arg), 7-8, 6-1.

Dechaume (Pr) and F Labat (Arg., 7-6, 6-1.

J Hetherington (Can) and K Finneldi bt S Ceochini (ft) and P Terebini (Arg.), 7-5, 6-3;

L Gäldemeister (Peru) and K Habsudova (C2) bt J Fuchs and M Standkund (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; L Mesidii (Geo) and E Flertach (SA) bt P Harper and L Harvey-Wild, 6-3, 6-2, S Sampras and T Whitinger bt K Godindge (Aus) and A Fusa (Fr), 6-2, 6-2.

FOUR of the last six Super

the National Football Confer-

ence (NFC) East division, in

which only the skinflint Phoe

nix Cardinals have no chance

of reaching Super Bow

XXVII in Pasadena on Janu-

ary 31. The 73rd National Football

League (NFL) season starts

tomorrow, but the top-flight

opener takes place on Mon-

day, when the Washington Redskins, the Super Bowl

champions, play away to their

perennial East rivals, the Dal-

First round

semi-final here last year and add yet one more chapter to the volume of legends. The ease with which he dismantled the flimsy structure of the Brazilian's game suggested that anything is possible. Oncins, 22, has some impressive scalps to his name this year, including those of Lendl in Paris and Michael Chang in the Olympics. He has also

led Brazil to the semi-final of

the Davis Cup. But nothing had prepared him for this carnival. Having silenced the crowd on the opening point with a stretching forehand off a full-blown smash, which bore the Connors trademark and promised a tough evening for the birthday boy. Oncins fell under the spell. Forehands boomed long, backhands flew wide and with every error he became more impatient. Connors, as he acknowledged, had

Tonight would have been his night to make an impact, but he didn't, so I appreciate it." Connors said. "His game was really secondary to his mind and his will." He took the first set with a delicate, teasing lob and was only broken as he served for the match at 5-2 in the third set. The party was over in a mere one hour and 49 minutes.

The real tension, in fact, was concentrated on a sparsely populated grandstand court where Emilio Sanchez knocked out Petr Korda, the French Open finalist and No. 6 seed, 6-2, 4-6, 2-6, 6-1. 7-6. It was a cruel draw for the Czech, the first men's seed to fall, because, a year ago, the Spaniard was seeded just above Korda, who has been for the third time in four trips to Flushing Meadow. Perhaps he should be thankful for small mercies. At least he did not have to play Connors.

process of self-destruction. **AMERICAN FOOTBALL**

only to give the odd prod to the

Trinity bid farewell to gifted forwards

SCHOOLS SPORT

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

By Chris Dighton

the future AFTER 40 matches spanning GC, retained his British junior championship in a competi-tion severely hampered by the nearly two and a half seasons, during which they were beaten only once, Trinity School in Croydon resume miserable August weather. Flying was possible on only training for the new rugby union season with expectafour of the ten allocated days (a Special Correspondent writes). tions running at a lower level.
Their successes have been Although Paul Croote, 23, Mike Miller-Smith. 21, built on an exceptional pack, Richie Toon, 22, and James

but that has now lost impor-A'Court, 25, placed creditably standing forwards, John on some days, only Jones and Seaton, who played at prop for England Under-19, Alex Coda newcomer. David Allison, 18, of Bicester, maintained a consistent high standard. ling, who made the replace-ments' bench for the same Jones was most impressed by Allison, the second-youngest side, and David Fitzgerald, of 35 entrants. "Every time I whose skill at football has turned to photograph the pen-ultimate control point, there he was above me." he said. interested Crystal Palace. have all left.

Trinity open the new season at home to St Olaves, followed ten days later by a meeting with their arch-rivals, Whitgift. Trinity's lone defeat last season was 11-7 at

The spin-off from the school's success has been an excellent run for the old boy's Whitgiftians. Bolstered by the

school side, their colts have won the Surrey colts cup for

the past two seasons.
The Old Mid-Whitgiftians may not suffer as badly as the school as a number of the boys are delaying university entrance while they take a year's break. The rugby squad-under the master in charge. Graham Crouch, have been in training prior to the new term starting next Wednesday. A number of other impres

sive records coming under renewed attack include Solibull's. They are unbeaten for two seasons and completed their last 17-match campaign by scoring a total of 5 14 points and conceding only 84.

Durham, who only play

rugby for one term, will be trying to emulate last season's record of 15 wins, during which time they scored 100 tries and had their own defences breached just five times. Last season. Clifton were unbeaten in 11 matches and Bedford scored 372 points

las Cowboys, who must keep Troy Aikman healthy if they are to prosper. The best young quarterback in the league. Aikman missed the final four games of the regular season last year because of a knee sprain. The club has shored up its porous secondary, so its challenge will be substantial

The Redskins drafted higher — fourth — than any previous Super Bowl winner. They acquired Desmond Howard, of Michigan, a wide receiver and the Heisman Trophy winner, who signed for a reported \$6 million for four years after holding out for

A tough start for Redskins BY ROBERT KIRLEY

> most of the pre-season In the American Football Conference (AFC) East, the Buffalo Bills, losers of the last two Super Bowls, must im-prove defensively if they do not want to become the Denver Broncos of the Nineties. Browning Nagle will start at quarterback for the new-look

New York Jets. In the AFC Central, Warren Moon, of the Houston Oilers, turns 36 this year. The run-

DETAILS

PREDICTIONS: National Football Conference: East: 1, Dalas; 2, Philadelphia; 3, Washington, 4, NY Gianus, 5, Phoenix Central; 1, Chicago, 2, Detrot, 3, Tampa Bay; 4, Green Bay, 5, Minnesota, West: 1, San Francisco, 2, Atlana, 3, New Orleans, 4, LA Rams, Wild cards; Philadelphia, Allania, Washington, Champions: Dalas, American Footbalk Conference: East: 1, NY Jets, 2, Buffalo; 3, Miarn, 4, New England, 5, Indianapois, Central; 1, Houslon, 2, Philadelphia, 1, LA Raders, 2, Denier 3, San Diego, 4, Nanses Cey; 5, Seattle, Wild cards: Buffalo, Derwer, San Diego, Winners: Houslon, Super Bowl XXVII winners: Dalas.

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and-shoot master will probably be making a last-ditch effort to reach Pasadena. He ing yards and Haywood Jeffires, his primary receiver, led the league with 100 catches. The Houston offensive line is big and experi-enced and the defence features four Pro Bowl players.

Joe Montana, of the San Francisco 49ers, still cannot throw without pain but Jerry Rice, who has made a career of turning Montana's passes into touchdowns, ended a contract hold-out and signed a deal worth between \$7 million and \$8 million, reportedly making him the league's highest-paid non-quarterback. Videotape replays have been

scrapped. After six seasons. the owners decided the procedure was time-consuming and often inconclusive.

Herschel Walker has moved from Minnesota to Philadelphia and Eric Dickerson has shifted from Indianapolis to the Los Angeles Raiders. Dickerson must average 90 yards a game for three years to become the leading groundgainer in history.

RUGBY UNION

England put stars in stripes for upcoming season

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

ENGLAND, having earned their stripes in the playing sense over the past two seatomed to playing in them too. After dabbling during last season's World Cup with a new design of jersey, incorporating colour, before reverting to all-white during the 1992 five nations' championship. the Rugby Football Union (RFU) yesterday unveiled the new design which is intended as a permanent departure from the pristine strip worn by England teams for over a

A four-year contract, with a four-year renewal option, has been agreed between the RFU and Cotton Traders, the Manchester-based sports and leisurewear company run by three former England cap-tains, Fran Cotton, Tony Neary and Steve Smith. If this sounds familiar, it is because a similar contract was announced in March last year, only to become the subject of legal recriminations when the RFU committee changed its collective mind.

It was an embarrassing period of disagreement be-tween the union and its official supplier; a new design was produced, the aim being a shirt which could be parented to safeguard against sales by pirate operators and the loss of revenue to the game.

Subsequently the claimed the new strip was only for the World Cup and a compromise was reached 24 hours before England's match with Scotland. England wore all white throughout their 1992 grand-slam campaign while Cotton Traders produced a series of new designs. Neither union nor supplier said yesterday what the revised

deal, approved by the RFU

though the RFU will receive a percentage royalty and a degree of criticism from traditional followers, who will regret any change. The contract includes a specific design for the 1995 World Cup and implicit is the probability of change after 1996, assuming the same suppliers continue. England will wear the new

shirt with its broad red stripe down each sleeve - not unlike the designs on French and Australian jerseys - for the first time in their international against Canada at Wembley on October 17. Ironically Jason Leonard, the Harle quins prop who helped model the new strip, is unlikely to be there since his recovery from a neck operation may not permit him to play until

The England squad was consulted during the selection of the new design and Brian Moore, the Harlequins hooker, said: "Players will wear what they are given, it's something over which they have no control." However, players may feel that if they are being asked to model playing equipment, they should be rewarded for the time they give up in so doing. Present regulations prevent product or service endorsement but players can earn money from other aspects - such as commentary or writing — directly con-cerned with the game. ☐ Nigel Richardson, a recruit

from Loughborough University, will play for Leicester against an England XV at Welford Road tomorrow. He takes the place at flanker usually occupied by Neil Back. who is required by England. but Rory Underwood - now

Swansea showing the way forward

By GERALD DAVIES

IN SEPTEMBER 1990 rugby life changed in Wales. The they continue? Heineken Welsh League were arranged in the camaraderie of the bar, where, with a wink and many a tall tale, it would be agreed that such sociableness deserved a return fixture. Clubs played whoever they found most agreeable.

Reasons other than the actual game might even prevail. It may well be that some look back at this soft-focus time as a kind of golden age. But those growing up now will simply wonder in an era of high-profile sporting contests, how it was that Welsh rugby's former system could have been cherished so much, and

for so long. They will grow up to understand only the league structure; of winning or losing, of two points or no points. There are those, as the league begins its third season tomorrow, who still have reser-

vations about the structure. But not many. Whitbread, which announced earlier this week its enhanced sponsorship until 1996, is in tune with a majority. It knows it is on to a good thing. Last season's championship was a thrilling improvement on the first. Swansea drew away from a chasing pack of four only in the final fortnight to win.

Swansea ought to have dispelled, too, those who express misgivings about the leagues not producing the right quali-ty of rugby. In scoring the highest total of tries (60) in the first division, they set a marvellous example.

Adjustments have been made. Swansea, who had finished eighth out of ten in the first season, responded by putting their house in order, marrying their usual dashing style with consistency, and

were amply rewarded. Can

Their coach, Mike Rudsufficient competition for places among his squad to

Bath's consistency. Cardiff finished second from the bottom last season. and would have been relegated had this year's regulations been in existence. Alex Evans. the Australian coach, is now at the helm. Breaking with Cardiff's tradition, it was he alone who selected this season's cap-

Cardiff (in the first division), Glamorgan Wanderers and Penarth (both in the second) now find that the third and fourth divisions contain Rumney, St Peter's, and Cardiff Harlequins (formerly High School Old Boys), who

away from the southern strip. With 12 clubs instead of ten in each of the divisions, sparsely populated mid-Wales is repre-sented by Builth Wells and Cardigan in the fourth. In the north, Colwyn Bay join Wrex-

RUGBY LEAGUE

16-match winning run.

while conceding 80 in their

Iro signs for big-spending Leeds

SPORTS SERVICE RACING Commentary

THE *SENTIMES

The top four - Jones,

Allison, Simon Housden, 23.

and Karina Hodgson, 21 -

are expected to form the team for the European junior cham-

pionships in France next year.

at junior level, has earned a senior rating for national

championships, and will also

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Jones, who has another year

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SHOULD Leeds fail to win any prizes this season, it will not be for want of buying. After yet another purchase yesterday, this time of Kevin Iro, the New Zealand and former Wigan centre, the heavy investment in success now demands a high rate of

The faith that has been shown in some inconsistent stock at Headingley has made the Leeds account a notoriously unsafe one. Payments exceeding £3.5 million in five years have brought the meaBy Christopher Irvine

gre reward of a solitary Yorkshire Cup. An ankle strain permitting, Iro, 24, could play in the

Yorkshire Cup first-round home tie against Hunslet on Sunday week. However, until the deal for the player from Manly-Warringah, the Australian club, is fully ratified, Doug Laughton, the Leeds coach, is reluctant to rule out an alternative move for Bob Lindner, the Australian international forward. Hull Kingston Rovers, who

entertain Widnes tonight,

have failed in an attempt to persuade Graeme Hallas, the Great Britain threequarter, to resume playing for the club on a match-fee basis, after the club scrapped player contracts to reduce costs.

The tussle for Deryck Fox, the Featherstone Rovers and Great Britain scrum half. looks likely to intensify, with an offer being prepared by Hull this weekend, after pledges of £100,000 were made to an appeal fund by supporters and local



Young: dominant

Turin: Kevin Young, the first man to run the 400 metres hurdles in under 47 seconds, aims to improve his world record in the grand prix athletics final here tonight.

The American is level with Werner Günthör, the Swiss shot putter, and Javier Sotomayor, the Cuban high jumper, on points going into the last of 18 meetings, which have been staged in 13 countries.

A world record would guarantee Young, 25, who has won at an unprecedented ten grand prix meetings this year. the overall men's title and

provide a fitting climax to a memorable season. He set his world record of 46.78sec at the Olympic Games last month, breaking Ed Moses's time of 47.02, which had stood for nine years.

Young believes he can eventually break 46 seconds, and sees no problem in bettering his time in Barcelona. "I will not be fully satisfied with winning the grand prix unless l also manage to beat my world record," he said.

Tonight's meeting represents a big pay-day for the athletes who have slogged their way around the grand

prix circuit, with \$763,000 (£380,000) available for distribution among the top eight athletes in 16 disciplines.

The women's title will be decided between Heike Drechsler, the German long jumper. Natalya Shikolenko, the javelin thrower from the CIS, and Lynda Tolbert, the high hurdler, and Gwen Torrence, the sprinter, both from the United States.

Linford Christie, the Olympic 100 metres champion, will again meet Olapade Adeniken, the Nigerian who has beaten him four times

KENPTON PARK

ensure so. He aspires to

tain, Mike Hall. If the traditional tendency showed an upward mobility from the smaller to the bigger clubs, there has been a percep tible shift the other way this season. Llanelli have lost play-ers to Tenby. Pontypridd to

are all within the city limits. Elsewhere, the influence of the competition is spreading

ham and Ruthin.

The way of the world, then, is changing. But it is not all plain sailing. Will the fond camaraderie. so wistfully talked about, survive? Already, the Anglo-Welsh matches are dead. As competition intensifies, the faith of the amateur will be sorely tested, and can the day of the professional player be far behind?

ATHLETICS

Confident Young looking for record finish

Hazaam to extend sequence

TWELVE months ago. Kempton Park visitors were treated to the glorious sight of Selkirk in full cry when he won the Milcars Temple Fortune Stakes on his comeback after an operation to remove a

ON STRIPMINE.

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A COLUMN

FALL STREET

Another enthralling race is in prospect now that Night Manoeuvres, Flying Brave, Mukaddamah, Calling Collect and Hazaam have all stood their ground.

It cannot be disputed that Mukaddamah would be hard to beat if only he were to reproduce the form that enabled him to run Priolo to a short head in the group one Prix du Moulin at

Longchamp last September. But the fact remains his three subsequent races - one last season and two this term have been disappointing.
 At least there was a valid

MANDARIN

3.40 Hazaam.

GOING: GOOD

4.10 Hard Task

2.05 Welshman,

2.40 Marchwell Lad.

4.40 Peerage Prince.

3.10 REVELATION (nap).

RICHARD EVANS: 4.40 ROCA MURADA (nap),

2.05 WATFORD HANDICAP (£3,552: 1m 6f) (13 runners)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 Hazaam. 4.10 Summer Pageant.

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

excuse why he finished only ninth of ten behind Selkirk in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury in May It manspired that his near-hind leg had been struck into badly.

While his recent work, both on the gallops at Lambourn and on the track at Newbury. have indicated that we could well see another successful comeback launched on this particular occasion, I marginally prefer the Michael Stoutetrained Hazaam, who is unbeaten this season.

While conceding that this beautifully-bred colt, by Blushing Groom out of Sonic Lady, has never had to deal with the sort of opposition he encoun-

KEMPTON PARK

2.05 Miss Pin Up.

3.10 Revelation.

3.40 Hazaam.

2.40 Marchwell Lad.

4.10 Dancing Spirit.

4.40 Roca Murada.

ters here while winning at York, Lingfield and Newbury, he has still looked the type who could take a step up in class in his stride.

Last time out Night Manocuvres was a creditable third in the Hungerford Stakes at Newbury.

The only time that Flying Brave has been seen in Britain this year was when he finished ahead of Mukaddamah in fourth place in the Lockinge Stakes on his seasonal debut. Since then he has run twice

in Germany and once in Ireland, his best effort coming at Hoppegarten in Berlin, where he was beaten half-a-length by Irish Stew. While Calling Collect appeared to get a mile-and-a-quarter in France when he

was trained by Elie Lellouche,

he seemed not to do so at

Haydock last month when

NESHT MANDELAYRES 2141 3rd of 10 to Magave in group ill Gardner Marchent Humperford Select at Newtonic (71 64yd, good to soft) with RIVER FALLS (118 better oit) 541 8th. R.VINIG BRAVE 41 2nd of 6 to high Select in group ill at Hoppegates (7m. good), earlier 591 5th of 10 to Select in group il Lockingo Scales at Newbuy (1m. good) wath

4.10 milcars filles stakes

(2-Y-0: £4,760: 71) (20 runners)

3.40 milcars temple fortune stakes

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1991: SELKIRK 3-8-9 R Coctrane (13-2) I Balding 14 sp

FORM FOCUS

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DANA SPRRES (A Budge (Equisa) List) 8 R Harmon 8-8

3 DANCING SPRRT (2, 1 Ward) D Eleventh 8-8

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1991; ASTERIX 9-7 W Hownes (16-1) C C Essy 16 ran FORM FOCUS

his current trainer, Luca Cumani, in the group three Rose of Lancaster Stakes.

On that occasion he cruised into the lead after a mile only to weaken and eventually finished fourth not, I suggest. through lack of fitness since he started favourite that day. Hence, this drop back in distance.

Today's nap though is Revelation to win the Milcars Chertsey Lock Stakes following his five-length defeat of the well-backed favourite, Map Of Stars, in the Convivial Stakes at York last month.

While that performance was not exactly a revelation in view of the promise that he had shown on his debut on today's track in a race won by his better fancied stable companion, Anaheim, it was still a pleasing one.

MURADDAMAH (same terres) 8161 9th. CALLING COLLECT 464 ob of 8 to Half A Tick to group 19 Surjonarood Brevery Rose of Lancaster Sales at Haydook (m. 2a. 120), good to soff, HAZAAM teat Kreslandad 361 in 7-tonner Newbory (1m 7yd.

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D Harrison (5)

Breeders offered no | Cool Ground aims respite on VAT

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

breeding industry were seething with the government yesterday after a make-or-break meeting over the VAT crisis ended in near farce.

Their bitterness was aimed particularly at Sir John Cope, the Paymaster General, who met the breeders' delegation. yet "hardly dared to open his mouth."

The breeders were seeking measures - including allowing racehorse owners to register for VAT — which would help offset the difficulties facing British breeders with the advent of the European single market next year.

Domestic breeders will have to charge 17.5 per cent VAT on horses, compared to 5.5 per cent in France and 2.7 per cent in Ireland. James Marshall, chairman

of the Horserace Advisory Council (HAC) sub committee, who attended the talks. was furning after meeting Cope, "It was not a happy meeting. We have made no progress whatsoever."

He said Customs & Excise had rejected proposals for VAT registration of owners without examining them fully or appearing to understand

"We pressed the minister to re-examine our proposals, but he was totally unwilling to make any commitment. He was almost reluctant to open

THE leaders of Britain's his mouth. He said they would ponder whether they could look at it.

"We have all put in a lot of time into trying to resolve the VAT problems. To be confronted by someone who would not make the slightest gesture when pressed was very disheartening."

Cope admitted the government could legally reduce the rate of VAT to nearer French and Irish rates, but such a move would be "politically unacceptable."

The gloom and despair of the breeders' delegation after the meeting was reflected in a statement issued last night. "The government's continued failure to address the impact of the single market will do enormous and potentially irreparable damage to Britain's bloodstock industry.

"It follows that the produc-tion and trade in the industry will migrate to those countries with the most favourable trading environment.

The support which the Irish and French governments continue to provide for their bloodstock industry will reap them substantial rewards."

tance to provide any meaningful assistance would not only damage the breeding industry and its workforce but also the exchequer as tax revenues and overseas earnings declined.

for The Becher

THE only item missing from Salisbury yesterday was a set of hurdles or fences (Richard Evans writest.

Wintry showers, spectators huddling under umbrellas and gluepot conditions all contributed to a National Hunt atmosphere.

Richard Rowe, better known for his riding and training exploits over timber, certainly felt at home as he sent out his first Flat winner. L'Uomo Classics, to win the H S Lester Memorial Challenge

Cup.
"I really felt as though I was at Cheltenham," he said while squelching in the muddy winner's enclosure.

The setting was perfect for Toby Balding to look ahead and dream the dream all

jumping trainers enjoy before a new winter campaign.



Balding: planning for winter campaign

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4.30 KIRKBY HANDICAP (£3,728; 2m 45yd) (11 runners)

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Cool Ground, his Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, will make his seasonal reappearance on October 31 in the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby, or in the Gunpowder Plot Handicap Chase at Sandown, he said before saddling Sheringa to win the

Salisbury Festival Handicap. "He will then go for The Becher, the new £30,000 chase at Liverpool on November 21, which is run over National fences for three miles and three furlongs."

After a crack at the Welsh Grand National, which he won in 1990, or a run in the Anthony Midlmay-Peter Cazalet Chase at Sandown, Cool Ground will have a break before a Gold Cup prep race. He's already cantering and is quite forward, almost too for-

ward, Balding reported. Morley Street, the 1991 champion hurdler, will have a run on the Flat at Doneaster before lining up for Cheltenham's Sunday meeting on November 15 or in the E24,000 Racecall Hurdle at Ascot. A decision will then be taken about continuing hurdling or sending Morley

Street chasing. Salisbury's soft going might have been perfect for jumpers but it also proved the making of Catherineolaragon, who turned the Dick Poole Stakes into a procession after storming ten lengths clear for Bill Wightman, Britain's oldest serving trainer.

The government's reluc-

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN 2.15 Wand. 3.25 Mad Militant. 4.00 Carbon Steel. 4.30 Wilkins,

THUNDERER 2.15 Surf Boat. 2.50 Diskette. 3.25 ADMIRALS SEAT (nap). 4.00 Carbon Steel. 4.30 Receptionist. 5.05 Key Suspect.

RICHARD EVANS: 4.00 Carbon Steel. 4.30 Bandoline. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 WILKINS (nap). Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 CARBON STEEL

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SUTTON LEACH MAIDEN STAKES

(3-)	Y-0:	£2,364:	1m 6f) (11 runners)	
Ì	(10)	40	ALF 34 (K AL-Maldoom) J Doplop 9-0 J Lowe	74
2	itti		BAR THREE 27 (B) (M Smith) L Codd 9-0 J Carroll	~
3	(3)	90-	FARMER'S FIRE 354 (D Allan) C Well 9-0 G Dodledd	70
4	(1)	53	FORTUNE STAR 38 (C Humptons) J Dunico 9-0 M Roberts	94
5	Œ		HIGH MIND 11 (J Wilson) Miss L Sidtak 9-0	
6	(5)		HIT THE FAM (M Amold) R Charlton 9-0	~
7	(7)		NEMER (Straigh Ahmed Al Maistourn) J Gostien 9-0	_
ā	(6)	60	PATROL 15 (V) (Mrs D Thompson) M Strute 9-0	78
9	(9)	5-54203	SUPER SARENA 20 (Sarese Plantics) R Sampson 8-9 A Tocker (5)	Ħ
10	(8)	00-4	SURF BOAT 15 (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-9 14 Hills	86
11	(4)	0-324	WAND 26 (Cityeden Stud) H Cacil 8-9 W Ryan	95
ВЕП	DIG: 9	4 Fortune	Star, 7-2 Surf Boat, 5-1 Wand, 7-1 Super Sarana, 10-1 Parrol, 12-1 Hit The Fan, 1	41
Nera	. 16-1	Famer's	Fire, 20-1 others.	

1991: CASTLE CAVALLER 9-0 J Raid (4-6 tax) Laxy Hernes 6 as

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	Z.	JU.	BOLD	HEATH CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,700: 6f) (16 runners	(
ı	,	173	7445	DANGERY 24 (5) U 1970 J 1977 6-12 J 1/2704	-
į	2	(4)	612164	TRUE STORY 4 (B.D.G) (6 Hart) A Harmon 8-11 6 Carter	88
1	3	(16)	0		_
ı	4	(2)		MAD MYTTON 4 (B) (G Myton) A Balley 8-6	
ı	5	(3)		SAMPLY AMESS 6 (CD,F,S) (N Greig) M Prescot 8-3	
ı	8	(8)		GRAB SUMDAY SPORT 18 (Robbelle Lts) Miss & Kalleway 8-? G Hind	
1	7	(6)	0	MARK'S CLUB 13 (A Bornyczcile) 8 HAIS 8-2	_
ł	В	(12)	400120	RED BALLET 21 (B.G) (D Cooper) Mrs K Macauley 8-2 A Musto	85
ı	9	(13)	B	DISKETTE 18 (M Oberstein) Lord Hurstingson 8-0	-
ı	10	(15)	6	TARGET TIME 21 (Target Express Parcels Lid) D McCain 8-0	_
ł	37	(9)	553	CLANPOCK 4 (D G/II) R Whatter 7-12	90
Į	12	(i)		JOCKS JOKER 85 (Mrs G Ress) J H Wilson 7-12 J Lowe	
ı	13	(10)	9600	APRIL POINT 11 (Mrs B Feschino) A Hollinshead 7-11 A Garth (7)	83
ı	14	(11)		SPARKY'S SONG 18 (Mrs S Whent) J Hills 7-11	
ı	15	(5)	00	CALENICK LASS 67 (Dr P Minatop) D Haydo Jones 7-9 T Williams	=
ł	16	(14)	33	MAM ZELLE ANGUT 18 (BF) (J Greetram) M Stoute 7-9 F Horton (3)	
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				991; LOUISA SCAPLETT 8-1 Paul Editory (5-2 tov) G Legis 18 con	

3.	25	BIRK	DALE HANDICAP (£4,012: 1m 3f 200yd) (7 runners)	
1	(6) 0	4-0502	HELLZAH 57 (D.F.G.) (Miss L Bodes) R Bashuran 4-9-10 M HES	ţ
2			MAD MILITANT 13 (C.D.F.G) (Ms B Facetone) R Hallmshead 3 9-8 W Ryan	
3			RAJAI 23 (B.D.F.E) (H.A.Habitaum) J.Dunlop 3-9-8	
4	{1} :	310401	GREEN LANE 6 (8.6.5) (Lord Weinstrick) R Creation 3-9-7 (4ex) Paul Eddary	Į
5			BIGWHEEL BILL 70 (G Cooper) J Walts 3-9-1	
6			SMBLES AHEAD 18 (D.C.S) (J. MBLS) P Beron 4-8-13 B Crossley	
7	(7) 0	45-013	ADMIRALS SEAT 123 (C.BF,S) (N De Szury) Mrs J Ramaden 4-8-13 G Bander	8
BETT	NG: 3-1	Green L	ane, 7-2 Mari Militarit, 9-2 Hilizah, 5-1 Admirak Seni, 7-1 Rayo, 10-1 Bigwheel Bill, 12	2

ļ	(2)	241315	RAJAI 23 (B.D.F.B) (H.A.I-Maktaum) J.Dunlop 3-9-8
,			GREEN LANE 6 (8.6.5) (Lord Weinstrick) R Creation 3-9-7 (4ex) Paul Eddery
,			BIGWHEEL BILL 70 (G Cooper) J Walts 3-9-1 J Lowe
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Roberts extends lead with 36-1 double

MICHAEL Roberts extended this victory came as no surhis lead in the jockeys' championship race with a 36-1 double aboard Takenhall (9-2) and Spartan Shareef (6-1) at

Spartan Shareef had little

ber Stakes at Kempton on

Life of Canada Garrowby one-and-a-half lengths.

Luca Cumani's colt endured a luckless run when unplaced at Goodwood last month and

Devilry produced a storm-ing finish to beat Chevrotain by a short head in the Dorman Smith Nursery.

However, the bookmakers misjudged the photo-finish. offering 4-1 against Devilry moments after Paul Eddery's mount had crossed the line. Michael Kauntze was yes-

prise to his connections.

terday given the go-ahead to take on St Jovite and Rodrigo De Triano with Kooyonga in the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown a week on

All three horses were due to meet in the Juddmonte International at York last month, but St Jovite missed the race and Kooyonga was never a threat to Rodrigo De Triano after being found in season.



| Carrier | Carr 1991: CASTORET 5-8-11 M Hills (12-1) J Hills 12 cm FORM FOCUS BRANDON PRINCE out up best recent effort when beaung Majestic Image 21 in 9-runner Sandown C2m 75yd, soft handicap, EA/ME TULLY 261 3rd of 8 to Monarda at Beth (1 on 51, good to 50), rARMERTS PET 1541 6th of 15 to Dant in York (1m 51 194yd, good) beardings with MRSS PIN UP BETTRIKE 3-1 Denotog Sprit, 4-1 Dans Spritegs, 11-2 Spoiety Lady, 6-1 Summer Pageant, 8-1 Lake Propio, Seek The Pearl, 12-1 Hard Task, 16-1 Bobbysoner, 20-1 Adhees Belle, 25-1 offres. 2.40 STANMORE NURSERY HANDICAP ATHENS SELLE (located Jun 29) first local, by Groom Dancer out of a mane successful over im 25-tim 4f in France. BOSBYSOUGE? (May 12, cost 20,000cpts) bull-sites or Reinridge, cruidle delance version, and Safa. 61 winner, dam 71 winner. DANA SPRENSS (Mar 28, 500,000cr) ball-sites by Danceuse Du Sot, high class at up to 1m, dam 71 winner at large years. DANGING SPRINT. (2-Y-0: £3,915: 6f) (11 runners) (2-7-U; X3,915; 63] (11 INBRIES)
201 (11) 814 TOP PET (Mis A Visinitin's R Hamon 9-7 J Libyd
202 (3) 25325 PISTOL (8F) (C Wates) P Cole 9-4 Carnon 8-12 Attach
203 (2) 1504 MARCH-WELL LAD (D) (C Bustely) M Clannon 8-12 Attach
204 (1) 5-11 CHILI HOSHTS (D) (8 Attended of Balding 8-11 J Williams
205 (5) 240202 WATERLORD (Mis F Jansed) C Cor 8-9
206 (4) 850 STEPPN HISH (B) (6 Monotault) Lad Hartingdon 8-2 D Hartison (5)
207 (7) 2026 (SPSWORTH-ANDY P Matthews) M Blandson 6-1 J Custon 8208 (8) 500321 IgR-ANT PROTESE (Mis C Miller) C Britain 8-1 B Doyle (5) 1
209 (8) 5013 HELLD HOBSON'S (8P) (Hobson's International) J Alerbert 7-8 W Garson 1
201 (10) 060 VENTURE PRINTS (F Recentible 1: Widow & Son) B Champton 7-7 M Adams
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201 (10) 060 VENTURE PRINTS (F Recentible 1: Widow & Son) B Champton 7-7 M Adams __ J Lloyd 90 _ C Rutter 91 . Fat Eddery 98 . J Williams 92 . L A Clark 94 4.40 RADLETT HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,816: 7f) (18 numers) Long Nandscap: Venture Prints 7-6, Risky Number 7-4. BETTING: 11-4 Pesol, 4-1 Helio Hobson's, 5-1 Chill Helghis, 11-2 Tap Pat, 7-1 Inland Protege, 8-1 Waterlord, 12-1 Marchnell Lad, 16-1 Kersmorth Lady, 25-1 others. 1991: SEAL RENG 9-3 Pat Eddary (5-1 lav) G Harvood 13 can BETTIME: 4-1 Hameen, 11-2 Thomion Gale, 6-1 Salsong, 7-1 Ha-Tech Honda, 8-1 Monoco, 10-1 Roca Musada. Southwold Air, Pessage Prince, 12-1 Jonaida Stir, 16-1 Sovereign Rock, 20-1 offers.

FORM	FOCUS .
TOP PET 3441 4th of 13 to Pair Of Jacks in nuckey over course and distance (good). PISTOL 2441 5th of 18 to Eurolini Interder at Newbury (74, good). MARCHWELL LAD 5944 4th of 9 to Sommering in Haydock (64, good) auction race. CHILL HEIGHTS best WATERLORD (18) heter oil) 441 in 10-numer	Bath (SI 161yd, good to soft) residen. STEPPIN HIGH 494: 7th of 19 to Sain Dance in Lingbald (71, good) maiden. INFANT PROTESE best Misteriappage head in 9-namer; Haydock (SI, good) nussery. Selection: MARCHWELL LAD
3.10 MILCARS CHERYSEY LOCK (2-Y-0 colts & geldings: £4,597: 71) (11	STAKES C4
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302	(4)	ALLENSEA (S Allen) C Horgan B-11 Dan Garaun	
303	(9)	BARON FERDINANO (Exors of Mrs. J de Rode, child) R Charless B-11 J Lloyd -	
304	(in	BOXEY (R Richards) D Elseroth 8-11	
305	(6)	BRAKSBY ROAD (A Spency) R Austrost 8-11 R Petham (3) ~	
306	(3)	CHANNAY'S SAGA (C Expense) B Halls 8-11	
307	(5)	(COALISLAND (P McKerrar) R Ingram B-11 J Wester (5) -	
308	(2)	PLASHEET (J. Smail) (Battien 8-1! L. Dettor) -	
309	tin	JINAAD (Harrison Al-Maistream) J Denkro 8-11 W Carson -	
310	(ii)	MONSEUR DUPONT (NY SAIO) 8 HIÚE 8-11 J MINISTER -	
311	'n	PENEROKE (Stellah Mehammad) J Gosden 8-11	
BETT	NG: 5	-4 Revelences, 9-2 Ultraed, 11-2 Pembroke, 7-1 Monaieur Dupont, 8-1 Flashkeet, 10-1 Bazzo 6-1 Body, 20-1 others.	
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		1991: BADIE 8-11 W Carson (7-2) J Deploy 12 mm	
		FORM FOCUS	

301	(8)	0.2	REVELATION (J. Opris) R Hangon 9-4 Pot Eddary	55
302	(4)		ALLENSEA (S. Atlen) C. Horgan 8-11 Dale Gibson	-
303	(9)		BARDN (FERDINAND) (Exces of Mrs. J de Rodeschild) R Charles B-11 J Lloyd	_
304	(10)		BODBY (R Richards) D Etworth 8-11	-
			District Control of the Control of t	-
305	(6)		REGULARY FULL OF STREET IN ARCHIVES IN 11 TO THE PROPERTY OF T	-
306	(3)		CHUMMY'S SAGA (C Exerci) B Hills 8-11	!
307			COALISLAND (P McKenter) R Impair B-11 J Wisher (5)	_
	(5)	9	CONDICATO IL MOGRADA IL REPERTO DE LA COMPANSIONE DEL COMPANSIONE DE LA COMPANSIONE	
308	(2)		PLANETE Li Sibbill Calvest C* 7	-
309	(11)		JEHAAD (Harrigo Al-Maidness) J Dorlop 8-11 W Carson	-
310	(ii)		MONSEUR DUPONT (NY SAIO) 8 HRE 8-11	-
			PEMEROKE (Shelith Michammad) J Gosden 8-11	_
311	M		SANGHINE (Sulface) activation 1 decreased 11 o sentime.	_
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Farth	nand, 16	-1 Body.	20-1 others.	
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1991: BADIE B-11 W Car.	•
REVELATION beat May Of Stars 51 in 6-namer York	brother by Chief's Crows to 1,000 Guineau wit
(6), good to firm) maiden BARON FERDINAND	Starlayid, MCNSIEUR DUPCINT (Feb. 26, 1
(toaled Apr 29) by Ferdinand out et a mara who	135,000pns) half-brother by Alzan in juvenile 6
won over 1m 21 at these years.	winner Halari. PEMBROKE (Jan 30) half-brothe

2.10 Henbury Hail, 2.40 Starstreak, 3.20 Reve De Valse. 3.50 Master Of Hounds, 4.25 Palm Reader, 4.55 Grey

TRAINERS lats & Reveley, 38 winners from 144 numers, 26.4%, Mrs. V Acontev, 8 from 35, 22.5%, W A Stephenson, 57 from 200, 21.9%, 6 Moore, 22 from 117, 18 5%, G Richards, 6 from 44, 13.6%, W Besidey, 4 from 30, 13.3%, G McCourt, 6 from 21, 27.3%, M Device, 38 from 121, 23.1%, C Grad, 41 from 178, 23.6%; D Byrne, 12 from 53, 22.6%, P Neven, 41 from 167, 21.9%

2.10 JOHN WADE HAULAGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£1,656; 2m 1f 110yd) (12)

2.40 CREDA NOVICES HUROLE (£1,590 2m 11 110yd) (12)

HAMEEM best Express Service 61 in 7-minure: Excellenced (71, good to 50%) marken. SUPER SERENABLE 599 68 to Rocky Wasses at Goodwood (71, good to lamy with H3-TECH HONDA (110 werse off) 21 88. THOPANTON GATE best Lawrichmood Justion 21 at Editory (71 1594, 50%). WHASTEAD best form when just over 399 4th of 9 to Nagida at Selection: PEERAGE PRINCE COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS 36 35 54 72 51 45 SEDGEFIELD

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3.20 NORTHERN ELECTRIC DESERT ORCHID HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,860: 2m 5f 110yd) (11) 1.500- REVE DE VALSE 188 (6.5) Debys Smith 5-12-0
3.50 DIMPLEX NOVICES CHASE (£2,038; 2m 51) (9) 1 5-13 MASIC AT DAWN 13 (BF.F) G Moore 7-11-5

3.50 DIMPLEX NOVICES CHASE (£2.038: 2m 51) (9) 5.18 MASIC AT DAWN 13 (8F.F) 6 Moore 7-14-5
4.25 CHILTON AND WINDLESTONE WORKING MENS CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,267: 2m 50) (3)

C1.590 2m 11 110yd) (12) 1 00-1 8EALICADEAU 11 (F) M Barnes 6-11-6 P Niver 2 02-1 STARSTREAK 14 (F) Mas 6 Renitry 5-11-6 P Niver 3 04-5 8RONE THE BANK 4 W Kerrip 5-11-6 G Mections 4 PO- GALLOWAY BREEZE 199 Denys Streen 7-11-0 P Winggon (7) 5 PESSOA MAS 5 Strain 5-11-0 F Genesis 6 FP-5 SHREWD JUTH 11 R Woodhoose 6-11-0 S Turner 7 0-4 8Y2AMTRE 20 PU S Richards 4-10-12 A Magnitre 9 D2-F MO SD NO STARS 14 (B) G Woose 4-10-12 J Caington 10 5 NOTARIUS 14 J Wate 4-10-12 F Marting (5) 11 4 GREY REALM SF R BOT 4-10-7 F Marting (5) 12 2-5U SHAPMERAL 74 W A Stophenson 4-10-7 G Gross 3-1 Streets A 7-2 No Sci Ato Stars, 4-1 Bytaning, 6-1 Brancadens, 8-1 3 Tachmard, 10-1 Shrews John, 12-1 Broke The Bank, 14-1 others.	MENS CLUB HANDICAP CHASE (£2,267: 2m 51) (3) 1 11-1 PALM READER 14 (£.6) W A Septembor 8-11-13 C G 2 P4-2 FARTAN TALOR 14 (£.6.5) G Richards 11-17-6 N Door 3 P23- COSANC RAY 104 (£.6.5) Ms V Acontey 7-10-0 . A Mag E-mas Tatten Tation, 7-4 Palm Reador, 7-2 Cosanic Rey. 4.55 DESERT ORICHID DAY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,510: 2m 51 110 yd) (6) 1 P50- BIG MAC 170 G Richards 5-11-0	
COURSE SPECIALISTS	4 0 MODEST LADY 6 YF A Stephenson 6-10-9 J Supple 6 5 MPY TURM NEXT SF K Hopp (DM) 4-10-7 G Lyon 6 DD-2 SMBS BEAUTY 14 Miss 2 Green 4-10-7 A Magni	
TRAINERS him & Reveloy, 38 winners from 144 namers, 26,4%, Mrs. V. Acontov, 8 from 35, 22.2%, W. A. Stephenson, 57 from 260, 21.9%, 6 Moore, 22 from 117, 18 5%, G. Richards, 6 from 44, 13 6%, W. Berstley,	2-1 Big Mac, 3:1 Swiss Benniy, 9-2 Grey Power, 6-1 Montest L2dy, 8-1 My Tu Next, 12-1 South Stack	

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Going: soft
2.20 (6f 212):01 1, THAWANDS (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Zenfrib (J Red, 2-1 tav.) 3, Cenhell (B Rouse, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Bronze Maquette, 10 Tempesta Rossa, 12 Armstra (Sth.), 16 Deplomatist (4th.), 20 Fact Fiesta, Tartoulca, Gimpse Of Heaven (Sth.), 33 Clearfoot, Fir Copse, is Sing Quet, Juliotez, 14 ran: 184, 81, 14, 11, 81, J Duning at Aundel Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £1.40, £1.60 DF: £4.70 CSF £16.39, 1mm 33.74sec.
14 ran 134, 81, %, 11, 81, J Dulhiop at Arundel Tote: 25.00; £1.90, £1.40, £1.60 DF: £4.70 CSF: £16.39, 1mm 33.74sec. 2.50 (mm 1/209yd) 1, L'UOMO CLASSICS
2.50 (1m 1/ 209yd) 1. L'UOMO CLASSICS (6 Bøder (11-2). 2. Cadeony (R Cochrane, 10-1); 3. Matching Green (J Wilsams. 11-4 lay), 3. Heniu (T Cuinn, 13-2). ALSO FAN 3 Camden's Ransom (6th), 7-2 Sootish Bambi (5th), 6 ran, Ni, sh hd, dead heat, 7, 3/kl. R Rowe at Pulborough, Tote. £8 70.
13 20, 12 30 DF 125 90 CSF. 145 26. 2mm 19.02sec
3.20 (St 212yd) 1, QUEEN OF SHANNON (M Tebbutt, 12-1); 2, Abbey Strand (J Red. 8-1), 3, Murht (W Cerson, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 4 few Tender Moment, 9-2 Jaid (4th), 5 Blue Tonson, 9 Synley Silks, 12 Retires, 14 Lath
4 fav Tender Moment, 9-2 Japp (4th), a Bule Topace, 9 Sunley Siles, 12 Belgeys, 14 Lady Debra Darley (5th), 15 Pure Formality, 16 Shaping Up. Teanarco, 20 Acara (6th) 13 ran. NFT Mongarung; 11, nk, 194, ho, 61, D Morns at Newmarket, Tote: 620,20; £5,20, 63,20, 62,70, DF: 6181,90, CSF-5102,23. Temper: 5026,45, 1mil 35 36,645.
3 50 (8) 1 CATHERINEDEARAGON U
Willierne, 12-1): 2. Seasonal Splendour (D. Biogs, 16-1). 3. Simply Bootly (G. Badler, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fee Poler Chp., 3. Northern Bird. 4. Barboukh (£th), 8. Mrs. West, 8. Antonymous (£th), 12. Cristal Pite (4th), 9 ren. 10). No. Int., 71, Ind. Wildfurman at Upfarm. Tota. 28.80. £2.40. £2.90. £1.60.
ist Univarn Tote 28.80, 52.40, 52.90, 51.60. DF: 562.90 CSF: £164.73, 1m 20.41sec. 4.20 (1m 4f) 1, SHERINGA (J Wihams, 5- 1), 2, Bo Knows Best (A Tucker, 2-1 [av); 3,
Thimbalina (W Carson, 9-2) ALSO HAN: 9 Streng Image (5th), 10 Lazour, Polistant 11 Vaggio, 12-1 Big Best, 20 Golden Gunner, Marson, Ata Toppustolan, Elephorin
Harti, Mool Pont (6th) 13 rat 5, 5, 9, 6, 2 G Balding at Whitcombs. Tote 26 10, 22 20, 51.80, 12.00, 57.70 DF: 57.70. CSF. 515.81. Tricks: \$43.80 2mm 44sec.
4.50 (5f) 1. BELLS OF LONGWICK (A Tucker, 4-1 tay), 2. Face North (T Cuntin, 10-1), 3. Mantinosity (J Williams, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Unveiled, 5 Miss Vavetie (5th), 8 Seneca Reef, 7 Pherson's Dancer, 14 Five-
Seventineo, Noble Proposal (6th), 11 fan. 11, 51, 251 51, 11 D Lang & Lambourn Tota 55 77 61 70 54 10, 52 40 DF: \$42.50.
CSF 541 51 Tricast: £316 86 1mm 5 08ser: After stewards: enquery, result

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Salisbury

Going: soft

Wolverhampton VVOIVEI II (III) (We have 11-2); 2. The Informer (10-11 law); 3. Supplino (11-2); 12 ran. wi, 5. Juneous (10-11 law); 3. Supplino (11-2); 12 ran. wi, 5. Juneous (5. Duffield, 4-1 (1-law); 2. Lawreni King (12-1); 3. Chiles Damond (25-1); Rock Bend 4-1 (1-law, 20 ran. 1 lwl, 2 lw. III Harmon, Tole: 52.70, 52.90, 54.50, 51.50 521 80 CSF 287.41. Tricast: £1,957.94.
3.40 [5] 1, Carroll, 201]; 2. Lift Sathelar (33-1); 3. Balassocia (3-1 fav); 4. Stocktina (12-1). 17 ran. NR: Catalani. Grand Time 1%1 %1 J Berry Tote £21.30, £3.30, £5.20, £1.50, £1.70. DF £209.40 CSF £439.34. Tricast. £1,955.84. Gangahaya [11-1] withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 5p in pound.
4.10 (1m 4f 70yd) 1. Charmed Life (W flyan, 7-2), 2, Alydill (7-4 fav); 3. Remwood Gri (50-1) 16 ran 21, 3%1 H Cool. Tote. £10.36. 63 do, c120, £1.30, £7.60 DF £3.60, CSF: £10.36 4.40 (7) 1, Millsotin (G Carrer, 100-30 fav). 2, Quack Stoel (14-1), 3, Glenstal Princess (10-1), 4, Dendy Descr (14-1), 17 zan. 8, 1% R Akehurst Tote, £2.50, £1.30, £9.90, £3.00, £3.40, DF £111.50, CSF £48.69, Treast £406.64, DF £111.50, CSF £48.69, Leckpol Sar (11-8 fav); 3, Dectpor £2-1), 11 ran. 2, 3.% R Charton, Tote, £9.60, £1.40, £1.40, £1.30, DF. £7.20, CSF: £13.35, Placepoot, £215.00 ☐ Son Pardo, Sharp Prod and Wathik represent Britain in the group two Moet & Chandon-Rennen (6f) at Ba-

5.20 (6f 212yd) 1, FORTHWITH (B Rouse, 14-1), 2, Bright Spells IJ Williams, 9-4 favt; 3, Forest Song (Dale Gloson, 14-1), ALSO RAN; 4 Lajob, Smell Dasy (5th), 7 Beyond The Limit (4th), 15-2 Admired, 9 Summe Fever, 25 Shathoffmen, 33 Alval, Swess Mountain, Swift Revenge (6th), 50 Merch Fach, 13 ran, 25tl, kt, 3t, 19-17 if Heamon at East Everleigh, Tote 19 00; 25 30, 21 80, 24 00. DE: £49.60. CSF £47.39 fmin 35.25sec. Placepot: £595.60.

York yesterday.
Takenhall captured the
Quintin Gilbey Silver Trophy
Handicap for the third year in succession and, all being well. will return to tackle the race in a year's time. Roberts brought the course

specialist through to lead entering the final furlong and they pulled away to score by three lengths from Boy Martin with the winner's stable companion, Highland Magic, a neck away in third.

trouble in securing the listed Reference Point Strensall Stakes by three lengths from Badawi. "I had him in the Septem-

Saturday, but considered this an easier task," said his trainer, Clive Brittain. "He will be kept in training next year." Duke Of Eurolink successfully defied top weight of 9st 7lb in the £20,000-added Sun

Stakes, beating Billy Blazer by

11-4 Hendury Hall. 7-2 Step Cat. 9-2 Stateskii 6-1 Mante Kay Gold, 8-1 Valleyne Red. 10-1 Khojobn, 12-1 others.

and one wicket.

Nottinghamshire lose again

Bowler reaches his landmark as Derbyshire prosper

By Richard Streeton

out. Morris managed to put aside the memory of his last four innings which have brought him only a single.

Morris hit three sixes and four

fours as he consolidated the

advantage with a forceful 43

before he was caught at deep

Bowler, as always, playing every ball on its merits, and O'Gorman added 63 before

Cairns bowled O'Gorman.

Bowler was fourth out when he was caught behind, trying to cut Afford. Bowler had

made 61 in 48 overs with only

two fours but its value to his

side was incalculable. He reached his 2,000 when 30

and has now made six hun-

dreds and 11 lifties this year. Bowler follows Donald Carr in

1959 and Azharuddin last

year as only the third batsman

season for Derbyshire.

to reach 2,000 runs in a

In his next over Afford sent

Capel's capers fall

just short of mark

By PETER BALL

back Adams and Krikken

before Cork seized the initia-

SCARBOROUGH (final day

of four): Yorkshire (5pts) drew with Northamptonshire (3)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

enjoyed the perfect practice for

the big day at Lord's tomor-

row, a 60-over run chase

yesterday. Set to score the demanding total of 321 in 60 overs, they fell 23 runs short. They will, no doubt, hope it goes better in the NatWest

The draw yesterday leaves

them in third place in the

Kent, who now have a game

in hand. Yet for most of

yesterday afternoon they

seemed set for an impressive

perfect start, partnerships of 96 in 21 overs with Felton for

the first wicket, and 93 in 19

with Bailey for the second.

putting them in a command-

ing position. When Fordham

was out in the last over before

the final 20, having hit ten

fours and one six in his 93 off

108 balls, the target was

It remained within reach as

Capel joined Bailey and

showed the other side of his game from the self-imposed

caution of the first innings

with some fierce blows. But

things changed suddenly as

Batty bowled Bailey and Cur-

ran with consecutive deliveries

to leave Northamptonshire needing 68 off the last ten

overs and their main batting

For a time, Capel threat-

in the pavilion.

Fordham gave them the

Trophy final.

victory.

reasonable.

match lasted.

TRENT BRIDGE (final day of four): Derbyshire (23 pts) beat Nottinghamshire (4) by two and declarations on a pitch, which became slower and more docile the longer the

A TENSE match fluctuated to the end before Derbyshire reached a target of 222 with 17 balls to spare. Peter Bowler, who became the first patsman this season to reach 2,000 runs, guided them to 172 before Derbyshire lost their third wicket, the prelude to a dramatic collapse by the middle order.

Nottinghamshire's second-innings lightback had ended after the final four wickets had added 241, leaving Derbyshire 65 overs — later reduced to 62 by rain — to reach their objective. Skilful spin bowling by Afford brought him four of the six wickets that crashed in the closing stages before Der-byshire completed a nervewracking win.
It lifted them to fourth place

in the championship table, but - for Nottinghamshire it was a fourth defeat in seven games, all of which they have failed to Both sides provided the best

vindication imaginable for four-day cricket. The game's numerous twists and turns unfolded free of contrivance

Yorkshire

may go

for Allott

BY PETER BALL

THIS season Sachin

Tendulkar broke new ground

as Yorkshire's first overseas

player. A decision at today's

meeting of the county's cricket

committee could see the York-

shire members facing an ever

greater affront to their tradi-

tions next season — a Lancastrian in their team.

The signing of Tendulkar has not proved an unqualified

success. He scored only one

century, but any chance of him

season ended with his com-

mitment to India's tour of Sri Lanka next summer, Instead.

the club will return to its

original intention and try to

Talks with Agib Javed fin-

ished when the sponsors,

Yorkshire TV, rejected him.

The other names most fre-

quently canvassed are the

Antiguan, Kenny Benjamin,

the Bajan. Anderson Cum-

mins, who is playing for Worcestershire second XI to-

day, and the South African,

It is another seam bowler whose name is likely to pro-

voke the most surprise, howev-

er. Yorkshire's cricket

committee will today discuss

an approach to Paul Allott,

who has been released by

Lancashire, as player-bowling

A big, bluff, aggressive man.

Allott seems ideally suited to

the white rose county. He

would play in the one-day

sional championship match.

sign a fast bowler.

Craig Matthews.

sixes. When Cairns induced Cork to lob a catch to point off the bar's shoulder. Derbyshire which became slower and more docile the longer the only needed nine runs from Barnett and Bowler providfive overs. Bishop, however, ed Derbyshire's second indrove Afford into extra cover's hands to maintain the excitement before Warner made the foundation. After Barnett was

winning hit.

Derbyshire had only them-selves to blame for falling to end the Nottinghamshire minutes after lunch. Two significant slip catches were put down and Bishop, and to a esser degree. Cork seemed obsessed with bowling short and delivered too many balls

that could be left alone. Archer, the overnight hero, was the first man out after three-quarters of an hour. He tried to cut a shortish ball from the West Indian outside the off stump and was caught at point. It was virtually the first serious misjudgment by Archer in an innings which lasted five hours 21 minutes. He had one further four to the three sixes and ten fours he hit on Wednesday and faced 276 balls. Nottinghamshire stood 166 runs on at this juncture and Pennett, who was dropped at one and five, Field-Buss and Afford unexpectedly

the inexperience of Loye and

Penberthy, and some badly thought-out singles, left it just out of reach. When Capel, after scoring 66 off 52 balls,

with four sixes, and Ripley

their thoughts turned, justifi-

ably, to survival.
So a turgid game went some

way to redeeming itself on its

final afternoon. On a dead pitch, setting a target which

was feasible yet gave the

bowlers a glimmer of hope.

was an almost insuperable

Even then it took some

contrivance to organise it.

Ripley bowling one embar-rassing over after lunch with

Roberts behind the stumps,

and Moxon taking the oppor-

tunity to reach his fifth century

of the season to catcalls from

The ill-humour persisted,

even Dickie Bird's cheerful

repartee falling below its usual

standard as he invited a

heckler to see him behind the

pavilion afterwards. On the

field. Yorkshire's growing sus-

picion that their hopes were

slim was shown in some

Jarvis spent eight minutes

bowling the last over before

tea. Moxon then exchanged

words with Fordham as the

Fordham reached his 50, only

Robinson applauded. With Brian Close as chairman of

their cricket committee. York-

shire will not lack for experi-

ence if they decide to pursue

churlish behaviour.

about right.

the crowd.

departed in quick succession



Quest for fire: Taylor has learnt to bowl more aggressively this season

Well-travelled Taylor presses his claims for place on tour

By PETER BALL

ONCE there was John Lever. of club matches as he was Now there is suddenly a rash of left-arm seam bowlers: in 1989 he was approached mark flott, at Essex, Simon Brown, at Durham, and the Staffordshire League. two Taylors, Charles, at Mid- Taylor did well enough to dlesex and Paul, who will be attract Staffordshire's attenmaking his first appearance tion, playing initially as an Northamptonshire in the professional the following NatWest Trophy final season and playing for them

All four have been men- against Northamptonshire. tioned at some stage this "I took none for 93," he season as players with poten- said. tial, but many are convinced He did have Lamb that of them all, Paul Taylor dropped two or three times. has the strongest claim for a however, and perhaps the place on the A team tour this memory lingered at the winter. What is certain is that County Ground. none has such a romantic. The next step came when story as the tall Northamp- an Australian feam-mate at tonshire bowler, whose pro- Checkley suggested that he fessional career seemed over should spend a winter in when he was released by Australia playing for his Derbyshire in 1987 after four club in Kalgoorlie. It was a

tomorrow.

years on the staff. Taylor, then 23, accepted consideration, Taylor gave that his dreams were over. "I up his job and travelled out was very disappointed, more for the winter of 1990-1. because I didn't feel I'd been given a fair chance." he said. Mark Robinson left North-"I'd never been given a run of amptonshire to go td Yorksix or seven games to find out shire and Simon Brown if I could make it. But there indicated that he would join were eight or nine seamers on Durham. Northamptonthe staff, so perhaps I was shire remembered Taylor there at the wrong time."

He took the following sea-sea lia. "We signed him as a bit son off, playing only a handful of cover," Rob Bailey, the

vice-captain, said. "But then he bowled so well in pre-season that he couldn't be left out."

Last year, his first season, he made steady progress. This year, he has played a significant part in Northing seven for 23 against Hampshire and ten for 54 in the match against Mid-dlesex in a golden August. In all he had taken 65 firstin the NatWest Trophy class wickets at 27.60 before this week's fruitless trip to Scarborough.

After a return to Australia last winter, and a two-hour session with Dennis Lillee, he has developed the ability to swing the ball considerably, which makes him a much more formidable prospect. "He's improved in leaps and bounds this seabig decision, but after long son," Mike Procter, the Northamptonshire director

of cricket, who knows a bit about seam bowling, said. "He's changed his action a bit to swing the ball, but he can be genuinely hostile, too, in the right conditions. Last season it took a lot of effort to get him to bowl a bouncer, but he's now learnt. He's got a very good slower ball. He's a wicket-

A Pivan Trocost not out 6

Score after 100 overs: 207-5

England A tour a chance for new batch of seamers

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

MARTYN Moxon and Norman Gifford are likely to be announced on Monday as a new captain-manager pairing for the England A team on its seven-week tour of Australia in

Moxon was the appointed captain for last winter's tour of West Indies but did not get beyond Bermuda, where he broke a thumb in a warm-up match. He has, however, shown impressive maturity in leading Yorkshire this year and fully deserves a second

Gifford is the natural successor to Keith Fletcher, team manager on the three previous
A team tours and now about to embark on senior duties. The Sussex coach has done almost everything the game has to offer and his vast experience will command respect among the young players who will make up the tour party. These are the straightfor-

ward appointments. The rest of the selection, for a tour which will contain no international games but several four-day fixures against full Australian state sides, is more complicated.

It is not a question of selecting an England shadow party. Others factors intervene, such as the value of picking a player who has already joured two or three times with the A team, or one who has senior experience behind him but is now out of favour. The talent of the future has to be identified, then balanced with experience, and it is a safe bet that if ten close observers of the game offered their own 15-man parties, something close to 40 names

Without for a moment expecting to resemble the official selection, then, here goes. I divide my party into six batsspin bowlers and five seam bowlers and begin by narrow-ing down a bewildering short-

list of opening batsmen. Darren Bicknell, Stephenson, High Morris, Fordham and Trevor Ward are all

possibilities, but with Moxon occupying one place, I prefer to reward Mike Roseberry for another outstanding season with Middlesex and add the rich potential of Somerset's Mark Lathwell. Roseberry is in his seventh season, Lathwell his first, the blend is right. My middle-order would include Alan Wells, who

would also be vice-captain, along with his gifted Sussex team-mate. Martin Speight. whose cause cannot have been harmed by making his fifth century of the summer against Graham Gooch's Essex last week Thorpe, Speak, Adams, Bowler and John Crawley will all have their supporters but I would give the last batting place to Surrey's precocious Alistair Brown. He is only 22 and in his initial championship season but he plainly has the talent and temperament to succeed and this could be the

ideal stage for him.
Richard Blakey's batting prowess is likely to secure him one of the wicketkeeping places and the other should go to Colin Metson, of Glamorgan, sadly unrecognised at national level yet vying with Russell as the best classical

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wicketkeeper in the country.
Robert Croft, also of Glamorgan, and Ian Salisbury should resume their spin pairing from last year's tour. Both have progressed hearteningly this summer. The same can be said of Essex's left-arm seam bowler, Mark Hott, who would head a fascinating seam attack containing Martin McCague, David Millns and Andy

To these, one could add Tim Munton or Dominic Cork, if either is not required for the senior side, but I would also ive serious consideration to the Hampshire all-rounder. Jon Ayling, who, at 25, has had an outstanding season. My A team party would be: Moxon (captain), A Wells (vice-captain), Roseberry. Lathwell, Speight, Brown,

Blakey, Metson, Croft, Salisbury, McCague, Millns, Ilott, Caddick, Ayling.

TCCB seeks sponsors for World Cup bid

ENGLAND'S cricket authorities are looking for sponsorship worth £3 million to back their bid to stage the next World Cup. They are also prepared to put out the television rights for auction and do not discount selling them to

a satellite channel. With the game still reeling from a summer of acrimony that three companies had and allegations, there was a touch of irony about yesterday's statement by Alan Smith chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), that "interest in cricket has never been at a

higher level". Having already misjudged the mood of the issue to such a degree that it publicly dismissed the thought of any opposing bids, the TCCB is now devoting due seriousness to heading off allcomers for the 1995 World Cup. Bids must be received by the Inter-national Cricket Council by December 1 and both South Africa and Pakistan are

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5-194, 6-288, 7-289.
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Parsons 11-6-13.3; Poster 12-3-28-1, Benson 10-2-27-0. Boon 4-0-21-0; Whiteker 01-0-40.

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No play yesterday

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putting together rival offers.
The TCCB is rightly making much of its proven experience in this field, though the fact that it hosted the first three World Cups will actually be used by South Africa as a prime reason why England should not host another.

Yesterday, the TCCB said already expressed an interest in sponsoring the event, and more approaches were

If England do win the bid, the competition will run throughout August rather than June, as was the case on previous occasions. The TCCB plans to allot a spare day to every game up to the final, for which three days will be set aside.

Clive Rice, the former South African captain, who has been omitted from the provisional squad for matches against India later this year, has left Transvaal after 22 years to play for Natal.

Umpire and **ICC** vexed by fax report

BY IVO TENNANT DON Oslear, the reserve um-

pire for the fourth Texaco Trophy match at Lord's on August 23, denied yesterday that he and the umpires officiating in the middle had sent a fax to the International Cricket Council (ICC) detailing their stance on the alleged ball-tampering by Pakistan. "I can give you my word that no fax has been sent to Lord's or to the chairman of ICC by myself and Ken Palmer and John Hampshire. Oslear said. A report yesterday claimed that a 2,000-word fax message had been sent from the umpires to Sir Colin Cowdrey, the chairman, ex-

lunchtime The ICC, however, said that no fax had been received at Lord's yesterday. Cowdrey has a fax machine at his home near Arundel, but it has been out of order for the past 24 hours. He is likely to make a statement about ball-tampering in general next week. when he is expected to announce that he will ensure it will be stamped out.

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the ball was changed at

Hopes go west as rain has final word again

By Geoffrey Wheeler THOSE who contend that

Essex have an in-built advantage in the county championship race, because they play their home games in the driest part of the country, had their case strengthened yesterday. Glamorgan, Gloucester-

shire and Worcestershire. among the worst sufferers from the weather this summer, all had their games washed out. Not a ball was bowled at Cardiff or Worcester, and at Bristol a storm flooded the ground soon after Leicestershire had set off in pursuit of 303 to win. Hodgson, Hancock, Russell

and Vaughan had ensured Gloucestershire four batting points while David Millns. attempting to prove his fitness for the Natwest Trophy final against Northamptonshire. bowled 20 overs for 80 runs

Rain and bad light cost Surrey valuable time at the Oval after they had made Somerset follow on 205 in arrears. Neil Kendrick took three wickets, to reach 50 for the season, but could not move Chris Tavaré, who was 43 not out when the game ended with Somerset 124 for three.

An interesting footnote to Sachin Tendulkar's early departure from Yorkshire is that the League Cricket Conference is considering recommending a ban on the import of Indian Test players to act as professionals. Maninder Singh, who was contracted to Heaton, and Atul Wassan (Fleetwood), both left before the end of the season after handing in sick notes signed by the same doctor. However, both reported fit for North Zone's opening match in the Dulcep Trophy.





Kendrick: 50 wickets

Yorkshire v Northants SCARBOROUGH (final day of four) York shire (50ts) drew with Northamptonshire (3) YORKSHIRE: First Image 508 (D Byes 100 S A Kellett 96, P W Javvis 80, M D Mosen 77) Second Image "M D Motorn not out S A Kalleti c Felion b Roberts A A Matcalle c Penberthy b Cook C White c Capel b Cook

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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS M G Field-Buss c Bowler b Warner J A Afford not out Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 3, no 2) BOWLING, Cork 28-4-70-1; Bishop 34-8-88-3, Warner 33-7-89-3, Griffith 16-4-47-2; Sladdin 33-13-77-1

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Then fate took a hand.

and wrote to him in Austra-

BOWLING, Lews) 13-1-32-0, Calms 10-1-61-3, Altord 25 1-5-91-4; Feld-Buss 11-1-32-1.

Surrey v Somerset

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Bowling

WORCESTER: Worcestershire: 409 for 7 dec (G.A.Hack 148, S.J.Rhodes 118 not out). Winwateshire: 210 for 6 (A.J. Moles 85 not out. BOWLING. Redford 14-3-47-0, Newport 13-5-22-1; Mingworth: 33-12-56-2, Tolley 6-2-14-0, Lampit 6-0-18-0, D'Olivera 2-0-9-0, Weston 2-1-4-0, Hick 12-5-32-3). Meich Drawn: Worcestershire 5pts. Warweldshire 4.

Direct route may be Taylor's saviour for England



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raham Taylor should not be pilloried if, as he has indicated, his England team takes the direct route towards the United States and the next World Cup finals. Sadly, it is his best, and perhaps only realis-tic, hope of reaching his intended destination in 1994.

The finger of accusation should instead be jabbed sharply into the dull consciences of the Football Association and the Premier League chairmen. The combination of the former's lack of authority and the latter's excessive avarice has ensured that the system, designed to breed technical and tactical mediocrity, was left

Taylor and everybody else

was led to believe that the Premier League was to be formed primarily to promote England's cause. According to the fundamental theme of Graham Kelly's blueprint, the schedule of the nation's leading clubs must, and would, be reduced. It has

changed not a jot. The players Taylor takes to Spain on Monday will have featured in as many as seven games in the opening three weeks of the season. A few more of his choices will almost certainly join lan Wright, Trevor Steven, Tony Daley, Martin Keown and David Hirst on the list of casualties and many others will be carrying injuries. The limitations imposed on

Taylor extend beyond selec-

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ciency of skill. In simple

ball from the back and the

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fenders and full backs can

resist severe, constant pres-

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England's opponents, adept

at playing their way out of

trouble, will expose the limi-

tations of the direct method

Only those sides with tech-

volved need to be strong of

tion. The players he can pick largely excel only in athleticism and endurance, the mundane characteristic required to be able to toil in the sweatshop of the Premier League which remains the biggest first division of any country in the world.

Take away John Barnes and Paul Gascoigne, as will be the case probably until at least the new year, and England have virtually no suitably young naturally gifted and inventive individuals. There is a surplus of honest journeymen, functionally efficient workers who are suited to the direct method. It compensates for a defi-

should Taylor follow it. Yet he can justifiably claim to be playing to English strengths. What future is terms, defenders launch the

there in planning a more sophisticated approach when he does not have the appropriate pieces to fit the jigsaw? The answer was evident during the European championship in Sweden. The past and present Eng-

land captains agree that Taylor's hands are tied by the system. "That was one of the reasons why I retired." Gary Lineker said yesterday. "I knew I couldn't last much longer playing twice a week until Christmas. It is just madness. The game is too fast and too physical.

"All players do is try to recover in between matches.

We play too much football and the pitches end up being poor. It is then not only difficult but impractical to play from the back. Naturally, teams take the direct

"If fixtures were cut down. I think that the game would improve quickly and drastically because the players would be tresher and the managers could prepare properly. At the moment, there is no time to practise skills or improve tactical awareness in training. You can't blame the club or national managers."

Stuart Pearce, who will lead England against Spain in Santander on Wednesday. points out that the new back pass rule has raised the

overall pace still higher. In the last quarter of an hour he admits to "feeling shattered because there is no chance to kill the game" through the goaikeeper.

The players may be under increasing stress but Taylor has another demanding problem. With players who continue to be far from ideally prepared, he must next week begin to restore the faith of a disenchantyed public.

Whover he selects against Spain and whichever tactics he employs, he will be gauged on the outcome. "Anything will be accepted if it is successful," Lineker says. No one should be surprised if Taylor decides that the most beneficial policy is to pursue the quickest route.

Stanford sets up choice quarter-final

Gallacher grasps the lifeline for an unlikely success

By John Hennessy

TWO young lions of British Isles golf shared a fascinating match at Carnoustie yesterday before Stephen Gallacher, 17, reached the last eight in the Amateur championship. He

Irishman two years his senior, Gallacher, nephew of the Ryder Cup captain, had already shown his powers of resistance in winning the Scottish championship at Glasgow

Gailes last month. In three

successive matches he had

beat Raymond Burns, an

recovered from three down after ten holes. It was, then, much in character when he won the 16th, 17th and 19th against Burns after an unexpected reprieve at

the 15th, where the young

Irishman looked certain to go

Gallacher, having driven into a bunker, was never likely to do better than five, whereas his opponent was beside the green in two. Burns, however, threw Gallacher a lifeline by fluffing his chip. "Until then," the Scot said afterwards, "I

thought I was out."

Burns put his tee shot in the bunker at the 16th, missed the green comprehensively at the next and had to play a superb pitch over a bunker for his four at the last. For most of the round the mercurial Burns had escaped from jail time after time, but the tables were turned at the extra hole. It was Gallacher who chipped to six feet for four and Burns who

TEST SERVICES FOR

SECOND ROUND: B Dredge (Byrn Mead-ows) bt C Watts (Hewisslone Part), 5 and 4-G. Jack, (Camoustle) bt T Yellin (US), 3 and 2. SEdgley (Perkstone) bt R Milintz (HdII), 4-hole; M Trelieaven (Hayling Jaland) bt M O'Hare (Gleddoch), 1 hole, Goovaens bt Twynholm, at 19th; Westwood bt Nacison, 4 and 3. Davies bt Walson, 1 hole, Rise bt C

THRO ROUND: H McKabbin (Troon Welbeck) bt M Welch (Hill Valley), 1 hole; G ragi (Downled) a C O'Carron (Erlynn), and 3: S Gallacher (Beithgale) bit P Sherman (Ashlord), 5 and 3. R Burns (Bernbridge) bit E Forbes (Grantown-on-Spey), 8 and 5. S Dundes (Haggs Castel) bit D Yates (US), 4 and 3. P Harrington (Stackstown) bit R Johnson (Cerdiff), 3 and 2. G Sherry (Kilmernock Barasse) bit D Watson

(Helsby), 2 holes, M Meehen (US) bt G Petterson (Gullene, 5 and 4, M Scholz (SA) bt S Gelbreith (US), 5 and 4; 1 Gerbuit Rivinessey) bt 6 effoster-holms (Rixtoci and Cultion), 2 and 1; N Stanford (Santord) bt T Trodd (Langley Parl4, 1 hole; S Hoffman (Fulwell) bt M McGurre (Drayton, Parl4), 3 and 1; B Dredge (Bryn Meadows) bt G Jeck (Camouste), 8 and 5; M Treleawen (Hayling Istand) bt S Edgley (Partistone), 2 and 1; L Westwood (Worksop) bt F Gooveents (Bel), 3 and 2; C Davies (Rinudden) bt J Rae (Montifeth), at 19th.

FOURTH ROUND: McKlibbin bit Hay, 3 and 1, Gallacher bit Burns, at 19th; Dundas bit Harrington, 1 hole: Meetian bit Sherry, 5 and 4, Garbuit bit Scholz, 2 and 1: Stanford bit Hoffman, 3 and 2: Dradge bit Traleaven, 6 and 5; Westwood bit Davies, 4 and 3.

took three putts from off the

The survival of Ian Garbutt and Mathew Stanford has set up a choice all-English quarter-final this morning. Garbutt, the 1990 English champion, first beat the holder, Gary Wolstenholme, and then the lone South African, Michael Scholz.

Wolstenholme was faced with a dilemma on the 14th green, a huge area shared with the fourth. Fifty yards from the hole, he elected to putt, "otherwise it would have caused too much of a fuss", and took three more. Three halves and it was all over. Against Scholz, Garbutt took an early lead, three up after five, but the South African had got back to only one down at the 16th, whereupon Garbutt unleashed two glorious drives into the 17th green against the wind and Scholz, bunkered in two, missed from four feet.

narrowly in the morning against Tim Trodd, from Langley Park. Four up at one time. Stanford had to go to the 19th, much to his own disgust. In the afternoon he proved to strong for Simon Hoffman, a natural right-hander from Fulwell who plays the game



Montgomerie adopts a relaxed approach

IN CRANS-SUR-SIERRE SWITZERLAND

THERE always has to be a key word in golf. Usually it is nationce and its derivatives, as in "I was real patient out there". Yesterday, in the first round of the Canon European Masters at Crans, the old relaxed mode was in vogue, as in laid back and hanging

Colin Montgomerie, who possesses a volatility that makes errant television cameramen glad he wields a putter

exponent of the art of taking it easy. The burly Scotsman. distracted by the cameraman's sound assistant's shuffling at the last green, bobbled his 15foot birdie putt and had to settle for a 63, nine under par, and not the 62 he craved.

"I've been nine under before," Montgomerie said, "and putting for a 62 meant something to me. It's a pity they don't understand the pressures involved."

Still, he was not really

for a living and not a day-more, was the most successful establish a lead of one shot over José Rivero. The Spaniard started at the 10th and opened quietly with seven pars before birdieing eight of the next ten holes, to play the first

nine in 30, six under. Montgomerie, who knew Rivero's score before he set out, immediately made the target seem less formidable when he had an eagle three at the first - driver, two-iron to eight feet and a putt that trickled in the side door. Out in 31, he hit a wedge to a foot angry, having sunk virtually for a birdie three at the 12th

and chipped in from 25 yards ing result." Quite where a 66, for another eagle three at the 15th. At the 17th, he hit a drive, flicked a sand wedge to 12 feet or so and curled in the putt with some precision. Monty wants to win badly - it is over a year since his last victory — but he is not agitat-

ing about the Ryder Cup yet. It is Ryder Cup points that have hard Mark James back to Crans for the first time since 1987, however. He has made the cut here four times in nine attempts and said to his cad-die: "If I miss the cut by less than four, it'll be an encouraga personal course record by two shots, left his calculations, even James probably does not

know.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated) 63: C Montgomerie 64: J Fivero (Spl 65: C Moody, M James, P Fowler (Aus), C van der Véide (Holl), J Sewell 67: G Call (ttj. P Smith, P Proe, J-M Carticares (Spl, P Mitchell, P Hall, J Spence, I Woosnam. 68: A Hare, P-U Johansson (Swe), A Forsbrand (Swe), Y Kuramoto (Japan), S Struver (Gar). J Robson, H Seby-Green, M Halberg (Swe), E Els (SA), R Boxall, M Allen (US), M Lanner (Swe), G Dey (US), J Bland (SA) 68: T Lavel (Fr), P Curry, R Lee, J Hawksworth, S Bannest, M Miller, D Silva (Por), S Lurra (Sp), R Chapman, R Claydon, K Triplall (US), J Haif, M Mouland, S Field, S Grappesonni (II), E Darry, J M Csrilles (Sp), E Romero (Arg), M-A Jimenez (Sp), B Lane, S McAllister, M Mackenzie, J Priyne, J Berendi (Arg)

BOWLS

Bell stays on track for repeat victory

By GORDON ALLAN

JOHN Bell, England's skip in the triples and fours at the world championships a fortnight ago, returned to Worthing yesterday and led Wigion, of Cumbria, into the third round of the EBA triples championship.
Bell, Paul Barlow and An-

drew Baxter won this title last year but they almost went out in the first round to Kingsthorpe, skipped by Earnie Tredwell. The Northampton side was one down playing the last end, and held the shot, before Baxter moved the jack for a 13-11 win.

In the next round Wigton met Sandwich, skipped by Len Haynes, a winner of this championship ten years ago with the Lenham club. Haynes, with Alan Dunn and his son, Jamie, had no answer to Wigton's complementary skills and lost 28-6, a halt being called three ends early. David Cutler, winner of the

triples in 1972 at the age of 18, and his Plymouth Civil Service partners, were beaten 16-14 by Fleet Social, skipped a Glaswegian, Jack Wardrop.

Plymouth began the last end trailing 16-13 but were building up a match-winning head when Wardrup drove the jack into the ditch.

Grant Burgess, of Gilt Edge, Kidderminster who qualified in all four events this year, had his interest in the triples ended by the Irons family from Leicester - Gordon and his twin sons, Geoffrey and Andrew. The Irons scored four on the seventeenth end to lead 16-15 and got a single on the last.

Simon Renkin, 14, substituted for George Grearson in the Workington team beaten in the first round by Stoney Stratford.

☐ Robert Weale steered Presteigne into the semi-finals of the Welsh Bowling Association pairs and four championships at Ebbw Vale, where Jason Greenslade reached the final of the junior singles and skipped St Fagans into the semi-final of the triples (David Rhys Jones writes).

forfeit, Surrey first innings tortest and 294 (A W Smith 87 not out, P D Atlans 64, R J Menu 5-102, J N Bould 4-73). Hamzshret won but 88 rurs. Leisester: Essex 359-9 dec (D D J Robinson 206) and 186-0 dec (D D J Robinson 206) and 186-0 dec (D D J Robinson 124 not out, M Diwen 98 not out), Leicestansture 252-8 dec (P N Hepworth 77, W G Lovell 4-54) and 188-7. Metch drawn

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Leeds 26, Hairtax 16

CYCLING

VALENCIA: World track chempionships: Professional Stilm points final: 1, B Rei (Switz), 57pts; 2, I Fornsnoves (Lith), 24; 3, J Caruchet (Arg), 15 Professional motor-paced final (over two legs) 1, P Steger (Switz), 85pt; 2, J Veggerby (Den), 75, 3, A Faneli (ti), 60.

FOR THE RECORD

EQUESTRIANISM

A happy landing for Chinook II despite bad error

By Jenny MacArthur

TINA Sederholm, on Chi-

Sederholm, 24, the eldest daughter of Lars Sederholm. the trainer, achieved her lead despite an error in the trotwork which cost her two marks. "My mind went blank," she said. "I just missed out the movement."

Chinook, a ten-year-old gelding who missed most of 1990 because of a tendon injury, has been regularly placed with Sederholm this season. They were sixth at Windsor in May and won their section at Stowe in July. Sederholm, who describes

him as "very sharp", is looking forward to tackling the technical 29-fence cross-country course tomorrow. Her father, who trained the United States team up to Barcelona, is on hand to advise.

nook II, had a slender lead of 0.2 of a point over Felicity Cribb. of Australia, after the first day of dressage at the rain-soaked Blenheim Audi international horse trials

Blenheim's attempt to beat the weather by moving its date forward was thwarted when the heavens opened halfway through the afternoon. Joli

Smith, on Sringbank, had the worst of the downpour but managed to produce an excel-lent test — her 55.80 points

appearing ungenerous. Cribb's attractive test on Carmody Street underlined their form. The pair have been placed throughout the season most recently at Gatcombe where they were third. Other good_tests_yesterday_came from Lucy Thompson on the eight-year-old Crackshot, and Karen Lende of the United States on Shannon who are

lying third and fourth. Lende, took over the ride on Shannon in May. With her former rider Michael Godfrey, the 12-year-old mare was seventh at Lexington in Kentucky. The cross-country will

be their first big test. Blyth Tait, the Olympic bronze medal-winner who rides his test on Ricochet today, described the course as "the most difficult since the event started three years ago the emphasis throughout is on accurate, confident riding".

LEADERS (after first day of dressage) Chinook II (T Sederholm, GB), 51 20pts 2 Carmody Street (F Cribb. Aust. 51 40; 4 Cracleshof (L Thompson, GB), 53.60; 4 Shannon (K Lende, US), 54.60, 5, Thelologram (R Dumas, Fr), 54 80; 6, Kilberna (G Law, GB), 55.00.

POLO

Reid paces Saracens

THE Guards Club's mediumgoal Autumn League opened at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday, with Jock Green-Armytage's Saracens beating John Horswell's Magna Carta 7-6.

Magna Carta's No. 1, Bar-ney Webb, who was usefully mounted from Horswell's stables, opened the account. Showing commendable ball control, he scored in the first chukka from the saddle of Horswell's brisk Argentine mare, Flecha. But Saracens, pivoted on the formidable Australian six-goaler. Derek Reid, counter-attacked strongly, and led 4-2 by half-time.

The third chukka ran more

Magna Carta's way. With a

goal from their Argentine No. 3, Juan Jose Alberdi and another from Webb (this time riding the impressive New Zealand pony, Arrahoena), the Saracens' lead was reduced to 5-4.

The final chukka was close and competitive until Reid converted a 40-varder to make it 7-5. Horswell replied with the same, but, by then, there were only 20 seconds to go. Although Magna Carta pressed, the last bell rang before they could equalise. The tournament continues at Smith's Lawn this afternoon. SARACENS: 1, T Statemer (3): 2, R Matthews (5): 3, D Red (6): Back, J Green-Amylega (1).
MAGNA CARTA: 1, B Webb (1), 2, J Horswell (6): 3, J J Alberdi (7), Back, S Copeland (1)

IN BRIEF

Jones runs to world title

Martin Jones, 25, from Bolton, is the new world fell running champion. He secured the title in Susa, Italy, at the same time helping England take silver medals in the team event.

Jones, who runs up to 70 miles a week in training, is due to begin a degree course in industrial design in Leicester later this month.

Striking out

Swimming: Adrian Moorhouse has withdrawn from the world sprint meeting in Gateshead this weekend after cracking a rib while ten-pin

Robertson retires

Athletics: Max Robertson, the 400 metres hurdler who represented Britain in the last two Olympics, has announced his retirement. He won the silver medal at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Another victory

Yachting: Sensor, owned by Mr and Mrs D Chatterton, claimed her second victory of the week at Burnham.

WE WEST WAS THE STREET

FA PREMIER LEAGUE: Aston Wila 1, Chelsee 3; Manchester United 1, Crystal Palace 0; Oueen's Park Rangers 0, Assanal 0; Shefrield Wednesday 1, Covertry City 2; Totarnam Hotspur 2; Sheffield United 0. BarCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle United 2; Luton Town 0. Second division: Bredford City 3, Stotis City 1; Was Bromwich Albon 3, Stockport County 0. ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Prailminary round: Derby County 4. Notts County 2; Lecester City 4, Grimsby Town 0; Misrell 1, Chartfon Amistro 2; West Ham United 2; Bristol Rovers 2. CM VALDAMALL CONFERENCE: Boston United 0. Stafford Rengers 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Boston United 0. Stafford Rangers 1.

8 AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier Division: Abardeen 0. Ambre 0; Cetoc 3, S. Johnstone 1; Hiberman 2. Dundee United 1; Motherwell 1. Rangers 4

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group four: Belgum 2. Czechoslovakia 1.

EUROPEAN CUP: Preliminary round, second leg: Tavita Simileropol (Ukr) 2. Shebourne 1 (Tavita Win 2-1 on apg); Maccabir Tel Ariv 1, Valletta (Matta) 0 (Maccabi win 3-1 on apg), Norma Telimin (Est) 0. Olimpija Ljubljana (Sto) 2 (Olimpija win 5-0 on apg); Stortto Riga (Lat) 3, Ktaksikvar (Faerce Islends) 0 (Skonto win 6-1 on apg).

with 5-0 on eggl: Stortto Rige (Lat) 3, Klaickivar (Facroe Islands) 0 (Skonto win 6-1 on agg).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Preliminary round, second leg: 836 Torshavn (Facroe Islands) 1, Averar Beggen (Luc) 1 (Beggen win 2-1 on agg). FA CUP: Preliminary round applays: Annield Plain 5, Hebburn 1; Darwen 5, Horden CW 0; West Bromwich Town 0, Suttor Coldised Town 2, Lymington 2, Minehaed 1. Cornected result: Whichean 0, Newcastle Blue Star 2. KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: First Town United 1. Conwy 1: Measteg 0; Inter Cardill 2, Cwmbran 0, Ebbw Vale 1, Lanell 1, Abergaverny 0 PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds 4, Wolverhampton 2, Barnsley 3, Blackburn 2, Botton 3, Liverpool 1 Second division: Everton 4, Burnley 1; Wigan 2, Grimsby 1; Prestion 2. Scunthorpe 2: York 2, Micdelestrough 0; Port Vale 1, Huddersfield 2. DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 2, Basingstoka 1, First division: Molesty 0, Lawe6 1, Second division: Molesty 0, Lawe6 1, Second division: Molesty 0, Lawe6 1, Second division: Herst division: Molesty 0, Lawe6 1, Second division: Burst division: Coller Row 1, Aldershot Town 2, Feitham and Hourstow Bor 1, Fischwell Health 4, BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Bursten 0, Salsbury 0, Bury Town 0, Weeldstone 4.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
First division: Southempton 3, Totterham
; Watford 1, Wimbledon 1; Bristol Cay 2,
Crystal Palace 4, Swimdon 1, West Ham 1,
Oxford United 1, Norwich City 1, Second
division: Bristol Rovers 3, Exeter City 2;
Chetterham Town 0, Swarssea City 4;
Plymouth Argyle 4, Yeovil Town 2;
Bournemouth 4, Cardiff City 2;
NORTHERIN LEAGUE: First division:
Consett 0, Blyth Spertans 2; Petersea
Newtown 2, West Auckland Town 2; South
Bank 1, Northallenton Town 1; Whithy
Town 2, Billingham Synthonia 2; Brandon
Uid 0, Durham City 4,
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Horwich 2, Fleetwood 1.
ULSTER CUP: Semi-firnat: Portadown 2,
Linteid 3 (ast)
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division:
Brantham Athletic 0, Brightlingsea United
0; Chelteris Town 4, March Town United 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-

O', Chelteris Town 4, March Town United 1.
Comand United 4, Histon 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome Town 2, Mangotsfield United 1: Twerton Town 4, Sattash 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Plesalf Ville 0, Teitord United 1.
NORTH-EPIN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrogate RA 0, Armitrope Welkars 1.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Preliminary round: replay: British Acrospace 2, Abbey Life 1
DUTCH LEAGUE: BVV Den Bosch 1.
Spena Rotterdem 1; PSV Endhoven 3, Cambus Leeuwarden 0.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Marseilles 2, Auseire 0; Montpellier 1, Valencidmas 3; Nantes 5, La Hawre 2; AS Moneco 2, Lens 1; Smasbourg 1, Metz 1, S-Eilenne 2, Toudon 0; Sochaux 1, Toulouse 0; Ceen 3, Lyons 2

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Llendingen 1, Saarbrücken 1, Cologna 1, Bayern Munich 3; Hamburger SV 0, Bayer Lever-lausen 0, VfL Bechum 0, VfB Stutt-Justan O, Vit. Bochum O, ViB Sturgert O.

ITALIAN CUP: Second round, second teg: Termana 2, AC Mien 6 (agg 2-10): Udiness 4. Capfarl 4 (agg 4-6), Internazionela 4, Reggiana 2 (agg 4-6), Penupa 1, Florenana 3 (agg 1-4); Terranto 1, AS Roma 3 (agg 2-7); Vertona 1, Brescia 1 (agg 4-3), Modena 0, Napoli 3 (agg 0-6); Torino 1, Monza 0 (agg 4-2); Pescara 2, Ban 3 (agg 5-5), Cesana 1, Sampdona 0 (agg 5-2); Cesana 1, Sampdona 0 (agg 5-6); Vertezia 1, Atalanta 2 (agg 4-3); Lezio 1, Parma 0 (agg 0-1); Genoa 5, Ancona 1 (agg 6-3), Andria 1, Junenus 1 (agg 1-5); Pisa 2, Foggia 2 (agg 2-3).

WORTHING: EBA national championshipe: Triples: First round: Sandwich (L.
Haynes) by Vaw Lane Park (J. Leanwel), 1411: Wigdon (J. Bell) St. Kingstrorpe (E.
Treadwel), 13-11: St. Shepherds Bush (G.
Smyth) bit Sternelses (H. Rosch), 19-8:
Chandos Park (E. Henger) bit Albert Park
Middlesbrough (B. Mosley), 24-10: Kingstron
Victoria (A. Krons) bit Swindon Staff (D. Snall),
25-8; Gift Edge Kiddermurser (G. Burgess)
bit Harm (D. Brons), 20-13: Boston Stealord
Road (S. Reeson) bit Derby West End (K.
Maddacks), 18-17, Plymouth North Down
(P. Douns) bit Solos (G. Over), 18-10, Preston
Brighton (D. Aldeston) bit Worksop (J.
Barren), 14-13, Beglotoka (R. Geary) bit
Marborough (pswich (N. Thomas), 21-17.
White Hart (E. Swanell) bit Southport (L.
Henderson), 21-15: Bloomfield (G. Geary) bit
Norlofk (B. Howes), 19-16: Leasade Luton (M.
Bron) bit Poole Park (C. Marun), 21-10;
Pogasus, (A. Hayward) bit Supreme (S.
McPherson), 17-14, Plymouth Cull Service
(D. Cutler) bit Suttons (K. Nash), 25-14: Fleet
Social (J. Wardrop) bit Kington (P. Powell),
23-13. Lincoln Raikway (S. Derby) bit
Shanidin (J. Kersley), 21-15; Camon Downs
(P. Hailes) bit Mainstawn (B. Crabb), 25-16.
Stony Strafford (T. Jenkrs) bit Workington (J.
Cowars), 22-20, West Wimbledon (P. Varnvacopoulos) bit Victoria Drive Essthoume (D.
Wells), 18-16, Barbury Cartral (P. Starbra) bit Furfield Hospota (G. Albone), 21-15;
Poole Park (A. Tidchy) bit Frampton-onSevern (F. Hodder), 19-18, Melton Mowbray
(R. Variey) bit Hunstamon EBA (M. King), 1615. Comard (P. Crisp) bit Chesterton (D.
Edwards), 18-14; Wish Howells and Manningtree (R. Burtherhood), 14-12; Anfield
Plant (L. Toward) bit Tallyho (L. Godfrey), 2610; Imperial (R. Hermessey), bit Holgase (M.
Harrison), 15-14; Bush Hit Park (W. Moress), bit Nettering (S. Fagars) bit Okingdon (Lisnells), 21-18; Shre
Park (G. Frice) bit Hermessey) bit Holgase (M.
Harrison), 15-14; Bush Hit Park (W. Moress), 12-18; Shre
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Harrison), 15-14; Bush Hit Park (W. Moresson), 15-14; B

lands (Peninil), 25-18: M Selway and A Alvood (Caerphily) to G Hill and M Ansley (Abergavenny), 26-21. Fours: Semi-linal: Lempeter bt Yenby, 19-18. LEAMINISTION: Johns Trophy (women's sounty championship). Semi-linals: Mid-diesex 121, Nortok 96, Yorkshire 111, Devon 107. Final: Yorkshire 118, Middlesex 109.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 6, Alsanta Braves 5; Cricago Cubs 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; Montreal Expos 7, Cincernati Reas's 3; Pittisburgh Prates 3, Sen Francisco Ganta 2, San Diego Padres 5, St Louis Cardinals 4, Houston Astros 3, Philadelphia Pritiles 2, AMERICAN LEAGUE: Murnesota Twins 4, Delroit Tigers 2; Battorner Onoles 2, Oaldand As 1 (10 mangs); Crucago White Sox 3, Toronto Blue Jays 2, Milwaulees Brewers 7, New York Yankees 0; Texas Rangers 6, Kanses City Royals 2; Boston Red Sox 5, Seattle Martners 3, California Angels 3, Cleveland Indians 2 (15 mangs).

CRICKET

RAPID GRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Taunton: Yorkshire 374-6 (C A Chapman 83; R Kettleborough 70 not out, M P Vaughan 64, D Gough 64) and second innings forier, Someres first innings torielt end 21-1 Match abandoned as a draw, Pontymister; Glamorgan 195-9 (A J Detton 61, J R A Williams 50) v Lanasshire. Match drawn. Guitcliord: Hampshire 332-7 dae and second innings

FOOTBALL

Cambridge United v Brentford (7.45)

CRICKET

Notinghamshire
RAPID CRICKETUNE SECOND XI
CHAMPIONSHIP: Moseley: Warmolshire
y Warcestershire

Tetley Festival Trophy 10.30, 50 over SCARBOROUGH: Hampshire v

Bardays League

Seeboard Trophy

HOVE: Kent v Surrev

First division

HAMILTON: Women's home amaisur internationals: England draw with Scotland, 4-4 (England names first). C Hail (Fiton) lost to J Moodie (Windyhill), 2 and 1: J Morley (Sale) bt C Lember (North Berwick), 5 and 4: J Hockley (Falbstove Ferry) lost to M Winght (Dumhries and County), 3 and 2, N Buston (Woodsome Hail) bt A Rose (String), 5 and 4: J Collingham (Royal Britchie) bt M McKinley (Bermore and Strone), 3 and 1; K Eglord (Hockley) tost to F McCay (Tumberry), 2 holes; R Bolas (Beau Desert) lost to M McKay (Tumberry), 4 TODAY'S FIXTURES

> STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hull KR v Widnes (7 30). OTHER SPORT GOLF: Women's home international journament (Hamilton) EQUESTRIANISM: Blenheim three-day

RUGBY LEAGUE

BOWLS: EBA national championships (Worthing). SPEEDWAY: Homelire League: First di-vision: Belle Vue v Ipswich (7.30). East-bourne v Swindon (8.0). Second division: Edinburgh v Rye House (7.15). (Feitestowe Ferry) bl. F Anderson (Blargowrie), 4 and 2. **RUGBY UNION**

CLUB MATCHES: Grangemouth 43, Edin-burgh Borderers 27, Garrioch 3, Aberdeen-shire 65, Hawick Trades 50, Earlston 5; REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Ulster 39, Controll 18. CENTENARY MATCH: Hinckley 3, Coven-

SPEEDWAY

HOMEFIRE LEAGUE: First division: Pools 49, Cradiey Heath 41; Oxford 43, Wolverhampton 47. LONG EATON: Three-trem tournament Sheffield 5, Long Eaton 4, Peterborough (abandoned after two heets — rain).

SQUASH RACKETS

SINGAPORE: Open championships (selected results: Eng unless stated): Men: Second counct. Jansher Nhan (Paid bi D Ryen (Ire), 15-4, 15-8, 15-9; J Nicolle bt S Franz (Ger), 11-15, 15-8, 15-9; J Nicolle bt S Franz (Ger), 11-15, 15-8, 15-10, 15-7, 15-10, G Warte (Cer) bt M Carms, 15-4, 15-12, 15-5, Ounrier-finate: Jansher bt Micolle, 15-8, 15-10, 15-11, Walts bi H Wiens (Gen), 15-8, 12-15, 9-15, 15-5, 15-6; Parke bi T Niancarrow (Aus), 8-15, 15-13, 15-12, 15-4; B Mantin (Aus) bt A Hill (Aus), 11-15, 15-5, 15-4, 15-10 Women: First round: M Le Moignan bt R Macriee, 15-13, 15-10, 15-11; L Opia bt R Cooper (Aus), 11-15, 15-8, 15-3, 15-7, 9 Hormer bt C Nitch (SA), 15-12, 15-8, 15-7, 15-9, 15-8; S Wingh bt V Cardwell (Aus), 15-7, 15-9, 15-8; S Wingh bt V Cardwell (Aus), 15-7, 15-9, 15-8; S Wingh bt Geavet, 15-10, 75-11, 15-7, Wright bt Geavet, 15-10, 75-11, 15-10, R Lambourne (Aus) bt S Schone (Ger), 15-6, 15-6, 8-15, 15-8

BURNHAM WEEK: Winners: Class 1: Sensor Sigma: Wayward (D May). Class 2: Flore (D Geaves). Class 5: Jimmy Cricket (M Harrison). Class 6: Four Bells (B Bell). Class 7: Kelly Class 8: Tic Tac (P Hooper). Dragons: White Rhinto (R Melville). Contessa 32: Red Jacket (D Lerry). Classic: Lone III (A Skelle). Sonata: Panca (B Burnette). Squib: Rojo (P Marchart). RCOD: Coryphee (Cash and Threfall). RHOD: Halcyon (C Debenham). RBOD: Phalerope (N Tressider). Sandhoppers: Sandy (C Lambert).

BRIDGE

Britain's early lead cut as Austrians rally

Salsomaggiore, Italy: Fresh from a brilliant win in their semi-final against Germany. the British women's team appeared ready to assert its superiority against Austria in the final of the world team Olympiad (Albert Dormer

They began well, establishing a lead of 69 international match points to 26 during the first 16-board session, but Maria Erhard, continental Europe's best woman player in the eyes of many, led a determined counter-offensive. Passing halfway after 48 boards, Britain's margin had been cut to 116-90.

The teams faced 48 more boards last night and this afternoon, after an 11-day marathon in which 32 other countries, including the holders, Denmark, were eliminated.

Nicola Smith, Pat Davies,

Sandra Landy and Michelle Handley were prominent for Britain in the early stages. All but Handley have previously won world championships. In the open semi-finals, the

United States led Sweden 149-116 at halfway, and France led Holland 108-76.

England abandon tradition and the white of Rugby School



Webb in the 1990 shirt



Carling in 1991 World Cup livery



Morris, left, and Pears sport the home and away kit

THE all-white strip in which England's rugby union teams played for more than a century derived from the colour worn at Rugby School. where the laws relating to what is now recognised as a world game were first formalised (David Hands writes). However, the 1992 grand slam team may have been the last to appear in all white, now that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) has agreed to incorporate colour into the design.

A four-year contract between the union and Cotton Traders, the sports and leisurewear company, was announced yesterday and means that, within a year, England will have worn three different designs the 1991 World Cup shirt, the traditional white strip and the new shirt which was modelled for the first time at Twickenham yesterday by Dewi Morris, the Orrell and England scrum half, and David Pears, the Harlequins and England stand-off half, who wore the change strip. England's first appearance in their new

strip will be against Canada at Wembley on October 17, but replicas will be on sale immediately, the only difference is that the company logo, which features prominently on the replica, will not appear at international

Richard Field, the RFU marketing manager, denied that the union was seeking to emulate football clubs, whose playing strips change with some regularity. Fran Cotton, one of the three former England captains who are directors of Cotton Traders, made the point that even when the only decoration on an England jersey was a rose, the design of the rose changed from time to time.

The former prop appreciated that the change from all white would upset some traditionalists, but said: "I was very proud to play for England and wear the shirt. I am sure the players will feel exactly the same way. Nostalgia has a certain place in the world but it's a changing world." Shirt deal, page 26

Fletcher guides his county to sixth championship to complete an appropriate farewell

Gooch opens up as Essex retain title

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

ANY remaining doubt that Essex reign unchallenged in county cricket was banished yesterday by their sixth championship triumph. Not since their first, 14 seasons ago, have they had to conquer such improbable odds to land the competition which means more to their players than anything else in the game.

As the familiar champagne scene at Chelmsford was reenacted for the faithful at teatime yesterday, the demeanour of Graham Gooch. the Essex captain, and Keith Fletcher, the county's coach who is leaving to be England team manager, told all. Never. in all his international glories. has Gooch looked as animated as he does when his beloved Essex have something to celebrate, while if Fletcher looked no different from the kind old uncle he resembles, the pride

COUNTY TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	ВІ	Pt
Essex (1)	20	10	5	5	60	58	271
Kent (6)	20	8	2	10	54	47	22
Northrits (10)	21	7	4	10	58	55	22!
Derbys (3)	20	7	4	9	45	55.	212
Leics (16)	21	7	6	8	36	57	20:
Notts (4)	20	6	6	8	48	53	197
Middx (15)	20	5	2	13	57	56	193
Warwicks (2)	20	5	7	8	48	63	191
Surrey (5)	20	5	6	9	54	47	181
Gloucs (13)	21	5	6	10	45	54	179
Hants (9)	21	4	6	11	59	54	177
Sussey (11)	20	4	7	9	53	53	170
Yorks (14)	21	4	5	12	54	52	170
Lancs (8)	20	3	5	12	68	46	183
*Worcs (7)	21	3				61	
Somerst (17)	20	3	4	13	56	54	158
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at the start of the season that Neil Foster would break down when he did, I would have said we had no chance of winning it this year." A crowd of around 3,000

had watched Essex overcome some Hampshire defiance before asserting themselves in the accustomed way. The win which sealed the Britannic Assurance title with two matches to play, and £46.000 in prize-money, was achieved by eight wickets, with more than two hours to spare.

They took 22 points from this match, putting them out of reach of Kent and Northamptonshire, and unless the adrenalin is drained along with the bottles of champagne, they could end up with a 50-point winning margin.

The turning-point in the title race came, ironically. when Essex and Hampshire met for the first time this June. Hampshire, leading the table and on a roll, made Essex follow on and yet contrived to lose. Since then, Essex have won seven games out of 12, leading the table for the last ten weeks of the

Remarkably, Essex have sustained this momentum without Foster and Mark Waugh, while Gooch has frequently been absent with England. Hussain has twice broken fingers and Garnham and Prichard have both



Champions at spray: Gooch, right, releases the celebratory champagne while his Essex team-mates rejoice at Chelmsford vesterday

missed important games. "A lot of responsibility shifted on to the younger players." Gooch said, "and they came

up with the goods." Essex's secret is that they have steadily and skilfully filtered new blood into their side so that at no stage has wholesale rebuilding been necessary. Gooch said as much yesterday, only after he had taken the microphone and told the cheering crowd: We play to entertain. You know that You keep watching and we'll try to keep winning."

Clutching the championship trophy. Gooch was fretfully trying to complete interviews and return to his players. This is the third time they have won the title under his captaincy but he was happy to hand the credit to Fletcher, who captained Essex to their first three titles and

masterminded the rest. Fletcher's feelings were in-evitable mixed. "I'm happy," he said. "Very happy. But maybe tomorrow morning there will be a touch of sadness, I always knew it would be a wrench to leave Essex after all these years and involved here next year. But I am sure my duties with Eng-

land will bring me back to Chelmsford pretty regularly." Looking back at the "amateurish" Essex side he joined in the 1960s, Fletcher explained the wisdom he gleaned from those days. Yorkshire were winning everything then. They were

the side everyone looked up to," he said. "When I became captain I tried to copy a lot of the traditions of that side and I think players now have the same pride in playing for Essex as they did in playing for Yorkshire then." No club has won the

championship three times in succession since Yorkshire did so between 1966 and 1968. Fletcher, in fact, believes that Essex can emulate that next year. Four-day cricket, he says, will suit them even better, "so long as Foster is fit again".

If Foster fails to regain fitness, these brilliant champions could falter. Their batting strength is awesome but it is Fletcher's one regret, as he steps up, that he is leaving a club precariously short of depth in bowling.

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Stephenson and Prichard steady the journey home

CHELMSFORD (final day of four): Essex (22pts) beat Hampshire (6) by eight wickets

AT 3.35pm yesterday, Essex retained their county championship, but it was a harder struggle than an eight-wicket victory might indicate, and it was well into the afternoon before John Stephenson and Paul Prichard established themselves to such effect that

victory became inevitable. But establish themselves they did, to the tune of an unbeaten partnership of 133 from 31 overs after Gooch and Lewis had perished with only 32 runs scored of the 165 Essex needed to win.

When Gooch left, caught at short leg off Turner's second ball in the last over before lunch, Hampshire were buzzing. When Lewis left another ball from Turner and it hit his stumps, Hampshire were positively rejoiding. Thus far, Ste-

but without conviction and thoughts of an improbable victory were alive.

In company with Prichard, though, and with Marshall's initial venom drawn, Stephenson came into his own. He stepped down the wicket to Turner and hit him straight, downwind, for six. While Prichard eased the ball past cover's left hand and square on the leg side. Stephenson stood up and drove both Turner and Udal into submission. Suddenly, Essex were on

top, and there they remained. Stephenson's 83 and Prichard's 55 came during the highest partnership of the match and contained some of the best batting; it was worthy of champions. But there had been little encouragement early on as Aymes extended Hampshire's overnight lead in company with Turner.

It was an hour into the day before the two were separated and it took the new ball and the first injudicious stroke by Turner in an hour and a half to achieve it. The worthy Aymes, with the hobbling Shine, was finally caught at long-on, after four hours which had given Essex more than enough to think about it.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 233 (P M Such 4 for 23) Second limings

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-22, 3-35, 4-37, 5-55, 6-63, 7-119, 8-172, 9-217 BOMLING: liott 16-4-44-2; Pringle 20,3-8-42-3; Such 29-13-46-1; Childs 35-17-67-3; Topisy 2-0-7-0; Stephenson 3-2-5-1 ESSEX: First traings 298 (P J Prichard 82; I J Turner 5 for 81)

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BOWLING: Massinali 11-3-33-0; Aving 9-3-34-0; Turner 14-5-54-2; Lidal 10-0-40-0; Smith 0.2-0-1-0. Umpres: A G 7 Whitehead and G Sharo.

Patrese joins **Benetton** team

FROM NORMAN HOWELL

THE Benetton Formula One team yesterday announced that Riccardo Patrese had signed to drive for it next season, joining Michael Schumacher, the brilliant young German, who won his first grand prix last weekend. Patrese, who has been No. 2 to Nigel Mansell at Williams. replaces Martin Brundle.

Brundle has scored points in seven of the last eight grands prix and is sixth in the world drivers' championship. While Benetton praised Brundle for his "professionalism and expertise", it leaves the Norfolk-based driver out in the cold for

Patrese's move to Benetton is a pointer to the fact that Alain Prost and Mansell are still favourites to drive for Williams next year. But sources at Williams yesterday indicated that no announcement from the British team would be forthcoming before this weekend. The positions seem to have hardened somewhere between Didcot and the Isle of Man.

McLaren will not have been too pleased to read of Schumacher's renewed contract. Ron Dennis, the owner of McLaren, had been after the German and, with the backing of Marlboro, had made a considerable offer. The driver puzzle is begin-

ning to take shape, but two of the main pieces are still floating about. It is surprising that Patrese has agreed to go to another team before next year's set-up has been announced at Williams. But he may just have become fed up with the shenanigans.

His departure does not appear to have brought Williams and Mansell any nearer. Yesterday at Monza, where Ferrari, McLaren and Williams were testing, the name of Damon Hill was being mentioned as an alternative to Mansell_

Ayrton Senna is also still sniffing around the Williams team, though there is strong suspicion that he may already have an agreement with Ferrari for 1994. Williams would not be interested in a one-year deal.

Jean Alesi, who may know about this and is faced with having Gerhard Berger in the team for the next two seasons. knows that he could be the odd one out in 1994.

A portrait of our art schools



IN the Saturday Review this week, the role politics is playing in our art schools. Plus, how British squaddies are turning a Cypriot resort into a battlefield, and P.J. O'Rourke in Vietnam.

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Wright misses Spain game

IAN Wright has withdrawn , has made it clear that the from the England squad for the game in Spain next Wednesday although his thigh strain may not keep him out of the Arsenal team visiting Wimbledon tomorrow. Graham Taylor consulted

the Arsenal manager, George Graham, before announcing the withdrawal yesterday of last season's top scorer in the first division. The England manager decided that the fitness of the 52.5million forward, who has been restricted by injury from the start of the season, would not be helped by playing for England. "Ian has been carrying an injury and you can get away with that at club level," Taylor said. "But there is no way I as an international manager can play a player in that situation." Wright was disappointed to be left out of the England

squad for the European

championship finals in Swe-

den this summer but Graham

player is desperate to represent his country again. Wright is replaced by Kevin Campbell, his Arsenal colleague, who had been placed on stand-by. Taylor has rewarded Les Ferdinand for a fine start to the season by adding the Queen's Park Rangers for-



Ince. of Manchester United, has been promoted to the full list as replacement for Trevor

England may face five members of the victorious Spanish Olympic team. They are the Atlético Madrid defenders. Juanma Lopez and Roberto Solozabal, the Barcelona pair, Albert Ferrer and

iona pair, Albert Ferrer and Josep Guardiola, plus Alfonso Perez, of Real Madrid. SPANSH SOUAD: A Zubizareta (Barcelova), J Lupezgui (Logrories), R Alcorta (Alfield Bilbao), R Solozzbel, A Munoz, A Lopez, J Lopez (all Asietico Madrid), A Ferrer (Barcelora), C Barraio (Overdo), J Vozcaino (Alético Madrid), A Amor, J Guardiola (both Barcelora), Michel (Peal Madrid), R M Vazguez (Masselles), F Gomez (Velencial), J M Bahero, A Golozothea (both Barcelora), A Parez (Peal Madrid), A Carveta (Velencia), D Fonseca (Esperiol).

☐ Dion Dublin, Manchester United's £1-million signing, was recovering vesterday from a three-hour operation on his fractured right fibula. He was injured on Wednesday in a tackle by Eric Young, of

FA orders cup tie to be replayed

WHEN John Hutter, the Chichester City secretary, heard an announcement before his club's FA Cup preliminary round tie at Whitehawk in Brighton last Saturday that the match would go to extra time if necessary, he hastened to the referee's room to protest (Walter Gammie writes). His objection to the decision

of Robert Morris, from Gosport, who had gained the consent of the Chichester manager and the Whitehawk assistant-manager was upheld yesterday by the FA, which decided the clubs must replay the tie — won 5-2 by Whitehawk after a 2-2 draw at

full time — on Saturday. Chichester have appeared once in the FA Cup first round proper, in 1960, when they were thrashed 11-0 by a John Atyeo-inspired Bristol City.

Unhappy Chesnokov is glad of break for rain

New York: The first rain of the United States Open fell yesterday, on the fourth morning, just as Jim Courier was beginning to exert some semblance of control over Andrei Chesnokov in the second round of the men's singles (Andrew Longmore writes).

The No. 1 seed was leading 4-6. 6-3. 3-1 when a drizzle set in, but he was still a long way from completing his first victory in six meetings over the enigmatic Russian.

Chesnokov was so unhappy with the slippery conditions he staged his own protest, marching to his chair in the middle of the fourth game of the third set and refusing to move. British umpire. Sultan Gangji, persuaded him to continue, but brought the players off after just one more point for a break which lasted just over 45 minutes. But after

the Jimmy Connors birthday

was all a little tame. The stadium court was bare-

ly a quarter full and both players seemed to sense the mood of anti-climax, which will probably not be lifted until Connors, an easy winner over Jaime Oncins, takes on Ivan Lendl in the next round, probably tomorrow night.

Connors's last victory over Lendl was eight years and 16 matches ago, in Tokyo. But, of the two, he looked rather more convincing in the first round. Another member of the older generation, Pam Shriver, was also giving a good account of herself when rain halted play. Shriver, twice a semi-finalist, was down a set and 4-3 to the No. 2 seed. Steffi Graf, who did not lose another game on the resump-

Connors on song, page 26

tion, winning 7-5, 6-3.

Missile attack

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